

LEGALLY "DEAD" MAN IS HUNG TODAY

Representative Lamb Defends Highway Law

Kansas Bank Bandits Get Away With \$32,000

Hopes Matter May Be Amicably Adjusted and Continued Aid Be Given To Limestone County

De Witt Lamb of this city, Limestone County's representative in the 24th Legislature today issued the following statement in regard to the new highway law:

While I am confident there are those better qualified and informed to discuss the subject at issue, still, because of the small part I had in helping to place the control of our State highways in the hands of the department at Austin and relieving the county commissioners of the burden, I feel there are a few points that I might with propriety touch upon, hence this article.

Because of the recent court injunction, and the fact that the law has been in force some time, considerable friction between the state and county officials over the highway question, the subject will not be a hotly one in local politics during the present election period. If the officers are amicably adjusted after being thoroughly discussed, we will be fortunate. The people should at least take the trouble to inform themselves as to the law. If they do, they will have ample opportunity to do so.

The thirty-state law, in which I feel the best and most logical of any, has been adopted by the state. It is a better one than any of the others. It is a law that will be a benefit to the state. It is a law that will be a benefit to the state. It is a law that will be a benefit to the state.

So far as I have been able to learn, the gasoline tax bill was the only tax bill which met popular favor, and for which the legislature was not severely taken to task for its severity. The argument used in its favor was the fact that it was a centrally assessed tax, the only one of the kind in the state. It was a tax that was assessed on the basis of the value of the property.

For the position we took on the highway measure, we have no apology to offer. Should we have stood for re-election for a second term, our platform would certainly have included a positive stand in favor of the proposition as enumerated above. In this regard, we feel confident that after the State Highway Department shall have handled the maintenance of our state highways for a few years every

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Oldest Paper In Missouri Changes

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 4.—The oldest newspaper in the capitol of Missouri has changed management and ownership in a sale by Joseph Goldman of the majority stock in the Democrat-Tribune to J. F. Koester. Goldman had owned and edited the newspaper as Democratic daily fifteen years. The paper has been in operation under various names more than seventy-five years, according to its former owner.

Under Koester, who is owner of the Missouri Volkfreund, German weekly, the publication will be continued with its allegiance remaining with the Democratic party, it was said. Goldman will go to St. Louis where his wife is ill in a hospital.

COUNTERFEITERS MAKE RECORD DURING THE OLD YEAR

(By International News Service)
KANSAS CITY, Jan. 4.—Counterfeiters in the Southwest made 1923 their record year, according to William A. Davenport, chief of secret service in this district. During the last year, Davenport said thirty-six fake bills have been passed in various parts. The large \$1 was a \$1,000 note which it was said was given to a bootlegger in the East.

However, it was said the activities of counterfeiters in the Southwest for the most part were confined to raising bills. The denominations most frequently used were the \$10 and \$20 notes.

Recently a flood of counterfeit dimes have been found in and around Kansas City. The federal operatives admit they were more or less puzzled over counterfeit money in such small denomination. The dimes, it was said, are good copies and are made of lead.

CINCINNATI IS THREATENED BY RISING OHIO

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 4.—Railroad officials prepared to close the Central Union railroad station today as rising waters of the Ohio river threatened to invade the tracks.

The river has reached the danger mark of 72 feet and is expected to reach 51 feet before the present swell subsides.

Merchants in the "bottom" are removing goods in ground floors to higher levels.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 4.—The flood waters of the Ohio, Monongahela and Allegheny rivers reached dangerous today, inundating homes of families along the river banks of McKees Rocks, McKees Port and the North Side.

A stage of 27 feet was reported at the Point Bridge at 7 a. m. the highest since the floods of 1913.

The rivers are rising at a rate of seven inches an hour and the weather bureau here predicted a stage of 29 feet by noon today. The highest in 1913 was 30.1 feet.

THE WEATHER
East Texas—Tonight and Saturday partly cloudy; probably snow or rain in north portion. Colder tonight. Colder in southeast Saturday. Cold wave in northwest with temperature 10 to 14; freezing nearly to the coast.

West Texas—Tonight fair and colder; freezing in south portion; temperature nearly zero in north Panhandle. Saturday partly cloudy.

MABEL'S PICTURES BARRED FROM SCREEN
MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 4.—Mabel Normand's pictures will be barred in the theatres here, the board of censors announced. This follows the latest Hollywood scandal in which the actress figured.

H. Hutson of Waco was a business visitor to the city Wednesday.

Recognition of Soviets Starts Senate War.



President Zinoviev, Georges Tchitcherine

Violent war has broken out in the United States Senate over the blunder of Secretary of State Hughes to Georges Tchitcherine, Soviet Foreign Minister, declining to enter into any negotiations for recognition of Russia. Following his note Mr. Hughes made public a document from President Zinoviev directing members of the Workers' Party of America to organize "fighting units" and drill them in fire arms and trench digging, with a view to trying the red flag of Communism over the White House.

VENIZELOS BACK AS PREMIER OF ITALY

ATHENS, Jan. 4.—Former Premier Eleutherios Venizelos returned today to the country that once banished him.

Along the same road which he traversed, guarded by armed followers, when he departed from Greece in 1920, Venizelos came back to Athens in triumph.

In his first statement after his arrival, the former premier said: "I shall remain until a solution that is based upon the will of the nation has been reached."

Venizelos, who was recalled to Greece following success of his followers and of republicans in the elections and the expulsion of the Greek sovereigns, arrived off Phaleron aboard the liner Andros.

Colonel Plastiras, former head of the military dictatorship, who resigned Wednesday, went 15 miles out to sea to meet him, with the auxiliary cruiser Tenedos.

After the two strong men of Greece had exchanged greetings and Colonel Plastiras had explained the situation and the changes that have occurred since Venizelos sailed from Marseilles Sunday, the latter transferred to the Andros, and disembarked at New Phaleron, whence he motored to Athens.

SAILS FOR INDIA
Word was received from Harry V. Klug that he, his wife and small son, had sailed on the Cunard liner Seythia on Saturday, December 29, for India. They will stop for a short time in England before taking passage for Rangoon, India, where Mr. Klug is in the employ of the Burma Oil Company.

Mr. Klug is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Klug of the Commercial Hotel.

Messenger In Kansas City Suburbs Is Held Up

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 4.—A messenger for the Centropolis Bank of Kansas City at Centropolis, Mo., a suburb, was held up by bandits and robbed of \$2,000 in cash.

ANOTHER WOMAN INVOLVED IN SHOOTING SCANDAL

(By H. E. SWISHER)
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4.—Confession of Horace A. Greer, chauffeur, who shot Cleveland S. Dimes today involved another woman in the mystery surrounding the assault which took place while the Denver oil man was entertaining Edna Purviance and Mabel Normand, Greer's employer.

Detectives interrogated Mrs. Edna Burns, companion of Miss Normand, following Greer's statement that as he was leaving for Dimes' apartment Mrs. Burns saw him take the revolver with which the shooting was done and admonished him to "be careful."

Authorities wished to know if Miss Normand's companion could throw any light upon the chauffeur's motive in assaulting Dimes, who has been in the Good Samaritan Hospital since New Year's night with a bullet wound in the chest.

Greer told the police, Mrs. Burns frequently had told him Miss Normand had "too many bad associates."

Mrs. Burns might have unwittingly influenced the chauffeur to imagine himself Miss Normand's protector, the police held. Greer's version of the shooting, which took place in Dimes' bungalow court apartment Tuesday night, was that he shot the Denver man when the latter attempted to interfere with Miss Normand's departure.

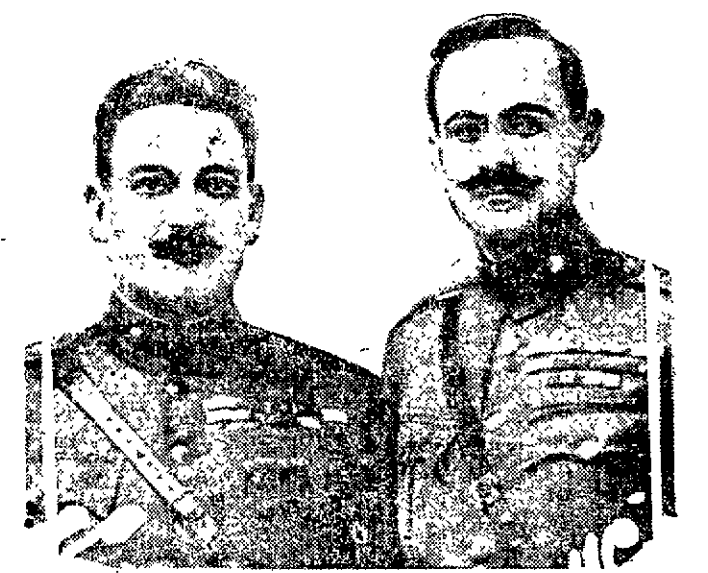
The petite screen star was hospitalized in the Good Samaritan hospital today, "recovering nicely" following an operation for appendicitis performed Thursday.

Physicians said it will be a week before either Miss Normand or Dimes would be able to receive visitors.

EIGHT SONS ARE PALLBEARERS AT MOTHER'S FUNERAL

Funeral services of Mrs. Nannie G. Landrum, who died Sunday afternoon, took place Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the family residence, 2202 North Fourth street, the eight sons of deceased acting as pallbearers. W. W. Nott officiated and burial was at Park Lawn cemetery. Mrs. Landrum was born in Kentucky, but had lived in Texas the past 25 years and in Waco the last nine years. She is survived by her husband, W. F. Landrum, by eight sons and three daughters, Herbert, Claude and Clyde Landrum, Waco; W. B. Landrum, Mexia; Charles Landrum, Dallas; Guy Landrum, Fort Worth; Horace Landrum, Drumright, Okla.; Earl Landrum, Luling; Mrs. A. O. Clingsdale, Hillsboro, and Misses Bessie and Pearl Landrum, Waco. A sister, Mrs. W. M. Grimes, lives in Oakland, Ky.—Waco News-Tribune.

OFFICERS WHO GAVE GREEK KING "LEAVE OF ABSENCE"



Premier Stylianos Gonatas and Gen. Plastiras.

Premier Stylianos Gonatas and General Plastiras, who gave King George of Greece a "leave of absence" from his duties as king of Greece pending a determination of the future form of government. It is not believed they will ever be permitted to return.

Soldier Reported Dead Is Restored To Happy Mother

(By International News Service)
TULSA, Okla., Jan. 4.—What was believed to be a tragedy of the great World War has been given a happy ending; a son officially reported "killed in action" has been restored to his mother.

Mrs. W. A. Park is the mother and the son is Arthur Park, 33 years old. He is visiting her here after an absence of nine years.

In 1915 at Independence, Kansas, Arthur Park said farewell to his wife and parents to enlist in the army of Canada. The last letter received from him by relatives was in 1917. It was written from a trench in the front line, "somewhere in France," a few hours before his regiment "went over the top" to an engagement in which Park says twenty-four men out of the unit's 287 returned alive.

Writing the Canadian government, Mrs. Park was informed that her son had been killed in the Argonne forest. Park's wife returned to the home of her parents in Pennsylvania.

Park was not killed but was wounded severely. After lying in hospitals in Great Britain for many months, during which time he was decorated for bravery by King George of England, he was pronounced cured and fit for additional service. Apparently as good health as ever, Park left the hospital with his mind affected. He suffered from lapses of memory, due to a shrapnel wound in his head and could not remember his name, where he lived or any details of his past life.

Returning to duty, Park served with the Canadian forces until the end of the war, and as a member of the army of occupation in Colnberg, Germany, until November, 1922, when he was honorably discharged from service. He came to New York, obtained employment with an electrical supply company and was sent to Memphis, Tenn.

The former soldier's memory suddenly returned, and he wrote his mother in Independence, Kansas, that the letter was returned, his parents having moved to Tulsa. He was reunited with his wife and child, the latter born shortly after he enlisted, through a chance meeting with his wife's brother. Remembering his mother had relatives in New Haven, Conn., he wrote them and was informed of her present address. Their meeting followed.

It seems hardly necessary to add that the Park, whose hair has turned white from suffering and hardships, does not even like to talk of his strange experience, saying: "I don't even care to think of war anymore."

J. V. Hancy of Waco was in the city Wednesday on business.

LIST OF DEAD IN EXPLOSION YET STANDS AT EIGHT

PEKIN, Ill., Jan. 4.—(United Press)—Mammoth cranes and hundreds of men with picks, crowbars and shovels, jacked and strained today at the ice sheeted ruins of the dry starch plant of the Corn Products Company here in the belief that many of the men who are reported missing since yesterday's explosion, are buried in the debris.

Police Chief McQuire early today said that his count of the recovered dead totals eight. This figure is unofficial.

The missing number 20, Corn Products officials estimated. Through the eight foot wire fence that encloses the plant, scores of relatives of the missing maintained all night vigil. The cold was intense but the grief-stricken watchers appeared to be indifferent to suffering.

Superintendent H. W. Lawton took issue with the police figures on the dead and said that only two bodies had been taken from the ruins and three died in hospitals, making a total of five known dead.

Lawton fears that all of the missing are entombed under the wreckage. Lawton directed a checkup of the 250 men who were in the plant when the dry dust explosion occurred and said that 27 men were missing.

The two bodies recovered from the ruins were those of Lee Harding, 45, foreman, and John Hooper, Lawton announced. James Holton, George Liber and Manuel Hicks died in hospitals.

Thirty-one injured are in Pekin hospitals, a dozen are in hospitals at Peoria, ten miles distant and still others are scattered in homes.

The fire which swept the plant following the explosion did not subside until late last night. Hundreds of tons of water had been thrown on the ruins, with the result that the debris scattered over a half block of ground, are sheeted with huge masses of ice.

Three investigations were started today. The company making one, local authorities are pushing another and the state fire marshal is making a third.

Lawton said that the explosion mystified him. The plant where it occurred was of steel and concrete and embodied every possible precaution against danger from dust explosions. The plant had been inspected six weeks ago and found safe.

State Fire Marshal Gamber believes the explosion occurred in the packing section of the plant. In this section the missing men are buried, plant officials believe.

Kels Pays For Murder With His Life

FOLSON PENITENTIARY, Cal., Jan. 4.—Alex Kels, once legally "dead" and buried, with all the honors of a respected business man of Lodi, Cal., will become dead actually at 10 this morning. At that hour he is to be hanged from a scaffold, paying the penalty for the murder of an itinerant laborer and permitting the body to be buried as that of his own. Kels' final hope vanished when Governor Richardson refused reprieve. He spent his last days quietly. His widow will now collect the \$100,000 insurance, and thereby Kels is accomplishing through the law that which he sought through murder.

Alex Kels was hanged at 10:16 this morning. Kels died stoically, silently, uncomplainingly.

MURDER HEARING TO BE GIVEN AT HOUSTON

FRIDAY

HOUSTON, Jan. 4.—Motive for the slaying of Mrs. Mollie Rush Dudley, 24 year old divorcee, by Robert J. Robinson, former University of Texas student, will be heard in preliminary hearing for Robinson tomorrow morning, it was indicated today.

Robinson, held in the county jail, here on a charge of murder, refuses to make a statement and efforts to get members of the family to talk have been fruitless.

Several citizens of Cleveland, where the Robinsons formerly lived, arrived in Houston and announced that they were "back of Bob to the limit." They will make bond up to \$100,000 if necessary they said to secure his temporary release.

A Christmas package bearing the card of Dr. C. H. Robinson, the boys' father, was found in a chest in the woman's room and is expected to play an important part in the murder investigation.

Memorial Day Is Proposed For Humorist

(By International News Service)
BOONEVILLE, Mo., Jan. 4.—Newly elected officers of the Mark Twain Memorial Park Association formed here today announced a Mark Twain memorial day would be observed here in the near future.

The officers are Col. C. M. Harrison, chairman; Gertrude Cosgrove, vice-chairman; Mrs. Felix Victor, secretary, and C. E. Crane, treasurer.

The association, according to the officers will make a determined effort to create interest in a memorial to the famous author.

Warden Opposes Electrocution And Quits Job

AUSTIN, Jan. 4.—R. F. Coleman, warden at the Huntsville prison, has resigned because he objects to the electrocution of prisoners under the new law, according to word received here.

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MELLON PROPAGANDA USES TAX
VICTIMS AS CAT'S PAW

None of the champions of the Mellon tax reduction plan had yet attempted to reply to the questions which were put to them by Representative Rosenbloom, Republican, of West Virginia in the course of a speech in the House of Representatives a few days ago. It is forecast, however, that the Republican leaders in Congress will be compelled to take notice of these questions and many others which the Democrats intend to ask them before the Administration's proposals are very much older.

Congressman Rosenbloom was speaking on the subject of tax-exempt securities, and of the individuals and interests that urged the repeal and reduction of taxes two years ago as a means of attracting money back into industry and thus insure prosperity.

"A legislative proposal can be most certainly identified and characterized by its advocates," Mr. Rosenbloom declared. "Why it is," he asked, "that the same gentlemen who some years ago were exhausting their energy to secure reduction of income taxes on incomes in excess of \$37,000 a year, at the expense of incomes under \$37,000 a year, are now so devoted to their 'professed' interest in the people generally that they use the same majority of people whom they proposed to tax heavily as the cat's paw of their argument that the proposed amendment should be adopted?"

ARKANSAS ROADS

President Coolidge is backing the Secretary of Agriculture to the limit in his course towards the administration of Federal aid for roads in Arkansas, where Federal funds are being withheld pending the correction of certain conditions.

Secretary Wallace states, regrading the affair:

"It is estimated that road improvement districts in Arkansas have issued bonds to the amount of about \$63,000,000. Of this only \$11,000,000, about 17 per cent in round numbers, has been used in connection with Federal aid. The remainder has been used altogether on district projects, with which Federal aid has had nothing to do.

"Most of the Arkansas road districts, in connection with which there have been serious abuses and gross unfairness to the land-owning farmers, were created before Federal aid amounted to anything. Many of them had practically exhausted local funds before Federal aid was called for.

"Because of the peculiar road district system adopted in Arkansas Federal aid administration has been exceedingly difficult. In April 1921, it was discovered that great injustices were practiced in these road districts, of which at that time there were more than 500, but in only 110 of which Federal aid had been granted. An engineer of the Department of Agriculture was sent into the State to make a careful investigation to secure information needed to administer Federal aid funds.

"He found many cases of bad management, careless handling and improper payments of local funds, excessive assessments on land owners, unbalanced and discriminatory assessments, ineconomic laying out of districts, and a general laxity in the organization to maintain the roads once they were built.

"The governor called a special session of the legislature to convene September 24. The legislature passed an act known as the Harrelson law. It is better than the old law. Under it no new improvement district can be created except by a majority vote of the people within the district, and the assessment which may be levied on adjacent land is limited.

"The department has no intention of making any further investigation in Arkansas except as it may be necessary to administer Federal aid funds justly and efficiently."

CITIZENSHIP
-Thought for the Day-

By A. Garland Adair

CITIZENSHIP MEANS SERVICE

Henry Ellis, editor of the Denison, (Texas,) Herald offers this as the Citizenship Thought for today:

"Citizenship is a term frequently used and often misunderstood. To many who take a selfish view, it refers to rights, privileges and immunities guaranteed by the Constitution. Others regard loyalty to government, devotion to its institutions and obedience to constituted authority as meeting all requirements.

"Citizenship means more than that. It means service in all the various walks of humanity. He is not a good citizen who gathers from the stream of life the best there is and selfishly appropriates it to his own use and benefit. The blessings he enjoys should be shared with his neighbor; and per contra, will he be a better citizen and a better man if in turn he assists his fellow man in bearing the burdens of misfortune laid upon him.

"Therefore, the obligations of citizenship are commanding. They can not be evaded or thrust aside. To serve one's country is well; but it is service to humanity without hope of reward other than the consciousness of duty well performed that makes the well rounded citizen."

HOPES MATTER

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legislator who voted for the change will be entirely vindicated from the hasty criticism now being offered from some of the counties, notably my own.

The automobile has become so nearly universal in use, and consequently every section of the state has been brought into such close communion with every other section, that we can hardly look upon our highways as being other than "trunk line" carriers—

belonging to the people as a whole everywhere, even though local bond issues have largely constructed local sections of them. If we in Texas had only one highway crossing somewhere in the state, we possibly would not yet have arrived at such a viewpoint. But the present laws seek to go into the future a bit and contemplate service to the people as a whole after a veritable network of paved and surfaced highways have connected every inhabited section. The task of maintenance will then have reached such proportions, if indeed it has not already, that most of the county officials will be glad to surrender the responsibility to other and perhaps more competent engineers. The county commissioners will still have left to them

much to do in building and maintaining county lateral roads in their respective counties.

Every real Democrat subscribes strongly to the principle of local self-government, but just where local self-government quits off and general supervision, departmental action, state authority, or "dictatorship," as some would term it, begins will always be a debatable question. The determining factor should be our constitution, and where the latter is silent, common sense. It does seem reasonable that our State Highway Department would be much better qualified to superintend the maintenance of a road which it certainly has a large part in constructing than a local community which naturally has no perspective beyond the immediate boundary line across, which may be a competitive locality.

I would not in the least belittle or speak disparagingly of the many commendable efforts of our county commissioners in their attempts at maintaining our public roads. Criticism is often too hasty, and sometimes unjustly spoken. Our public officials receive more of it than they do of outspoken encouragement and commendation. Information, honest truth, and all the facts in the question are what the voters are going to want in the coming campaign. One has to reflect but a moment to realize that our counties, purely as local institutions, have been trying in some places to build good roads for 147 years and have gotten nowhere, generally speaking. Local effort is insufficient. Local financing has already proven inadequate. It is a state-wide and country-wide undertaking. Supervision from state and nation should be welcomed instead of resented. If our State Highway Department fails in its efforts at maintaining the state highways it can be legislated out of existence shortly. If it succeeds, a long step forward will have been taken.

As the Governor has said, one cannot drive over a highway in Texas for a hundred miles at the present time without running off into a bog hole. Some jealous or disinterested county is usually found to blame where no real excuse exists for the improvement. These differences may be quickly ironed out when the state has supervision as is the case in many commonwealths that began forty years ahead of Texas in building and maintaining good roads.

One more word about the automobile tax. Before amended at the last session of the legislature, the state received half of the automobile tax and each county retained the other half. The counties were prohibited from using their part of these moneys except for maintenance of state highways. Under the new law as recently amended it has been interpreted to

mean that each county will receive just what it has heretofore received (except as the increase in number of cars will give them more) and the State Highway Department will receive the other half and the increase from the higher tax. In view of this, it seems that counties will be better off as well as the State Highway Department, since they will not be robbed of any moneys they have not heretofore been retaining, and the State will have the burden of maintenance of all state highways, using the same money that the counties have been retaining and spending only on state highways. The only material changes, as one can readily see, therefore, is that the state will superintend the spending of the same money, as well as the increase. Let us hope that since the courts will settle the matter, they can do so amicably, and that Limestone County will continue to receive federal and state recognition, as she has been so very greatly favored with in the past.

Cordially,
De Witt Lamb.Radio Robbers
Latest Thing
In Criminality

(By International News Service)
KANSAS CITY, Jan. 4.—Kansas City's latest alliterative thieves, the "radio robbers" now are attracting the attention of local police.

The thieves earned their title when they stole six transmission tubes from radio set of H. J. Wheeler. Thoroughness seemed to be a part of the thieves' makeup. They removed all pictures from the walls, rolled up the rugs and prepared and ate lunch before Wheeler found, the bandits leaving the dirty dishes on a table.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 4.—Continued cold weather prevailed over the South west today with no let up in sight. Snow fell in many sections. The cold wave will continue through the remainder of this week and into next, forecasters here believed.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Landrum returned Tuesday from the funeral of his mother. They have the sympathies of the entire community in their hour of sorrow.

The German fleet that was scuttled at Scapa Flow is to be raised, cut up and sold for junk.

There are two railroad systems in the Philippines, with a total mileage of about 800.

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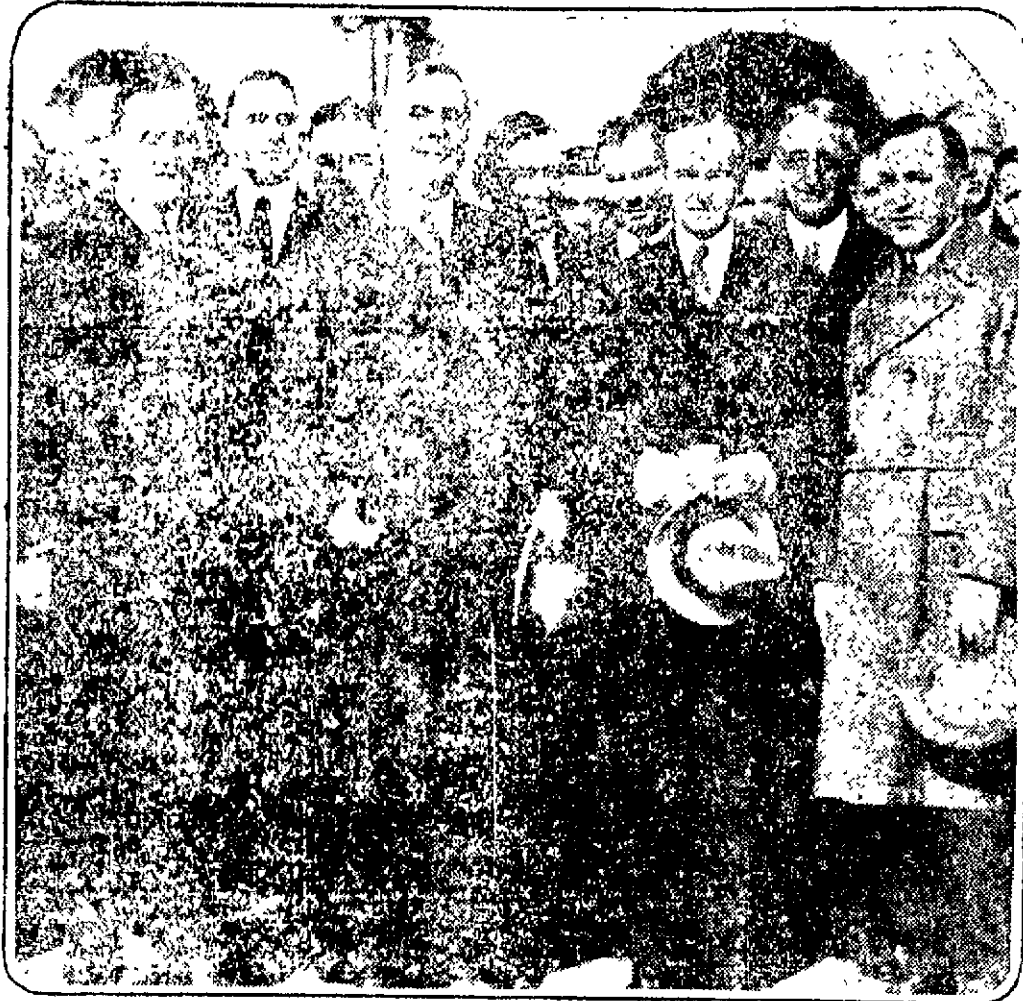
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N. M. A. to Urge Automobile Plank in Party Platforms



Left to right: Col. Thad H. Brown, Ohio Secretary of State; Judge Walter D. Meals, President N. M. A.; President Coolidge, Fred H. Caley, President O. S. A. A. and Secty. N. M. A.; Richard H. Lee, Vice Pres. N. M. A.

For the first time in automobile history, automobile owners of the nation will attempt to have a motor plank included in the national political platforms.

The National Motorists' Association has taken the lead in presenting this subject, following the reception of its delegates and officials recently by President Coolidge at the White House. At that time the president outlined his personal views regarding the automobile.

"The motor car," he told the N. M. A., "has raised the people and has given them a new outlook on life."

"To experience its greatest fulfillment, the motor industry must be provided with good roads."

"It is desirable, moreover, to see that this great enterprise and activity have an equitable method of taxation, and in obtaining these activities and benefits, I want to tender to you my most hearty cooperation and support."

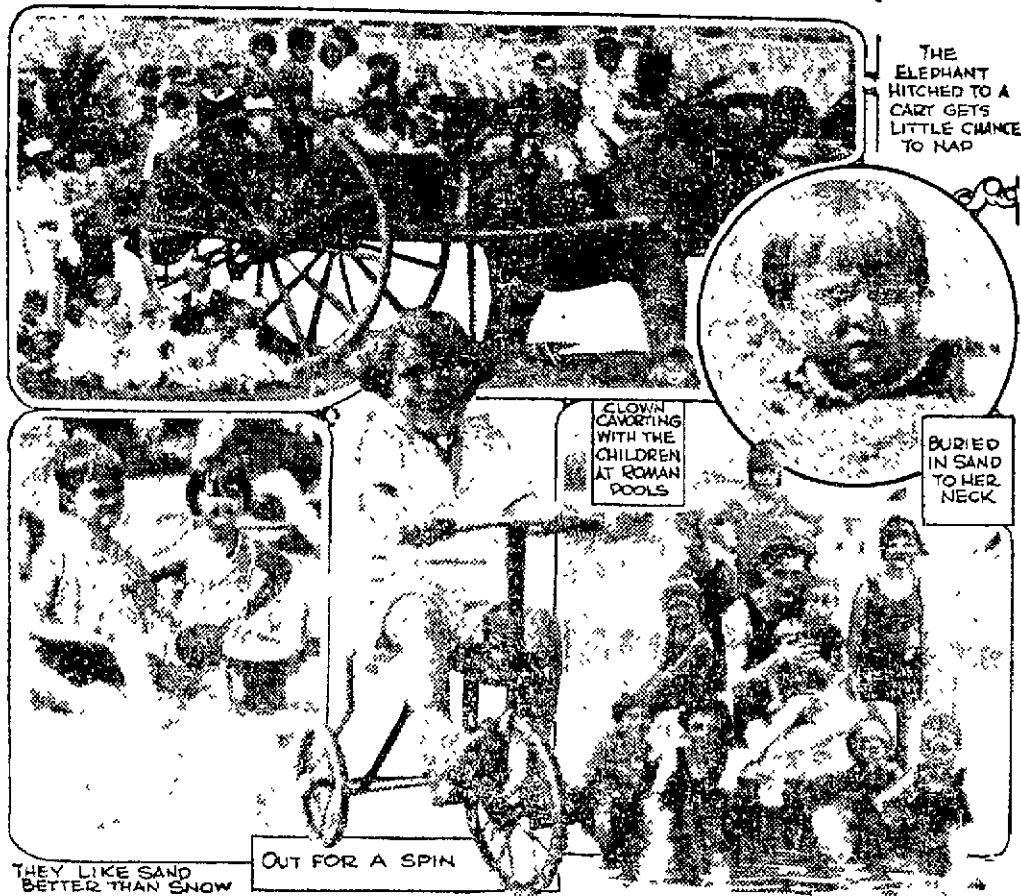
In his address to congress, the

N. M. A. also points out, President Coolidge voiced his policy on highways in these words:

"No expenditure of public money contributes so much to the national wealth as for building good roads."

"Since the president's speech has been widely construed as an outline of his platform for re-election, N. M. A. officials believe that the proposal of a plank on motoring will meet friendly consideration at the hands of those who will formally draft the convention resolutions

Miami The Children's Paradise for Outdoor Sports



Kindergarten on the beach and open-air schools are new features at Miami, this winter.

With the increasing appreciation of the health value of life in the open, many parents have additional reasons for spending the winter in Southern Florida, when the children of the North are shut in by the rigors of winter. Miami has become the great mecca for children, necessitating special educational facilities.

Not only does the popular winter resort provide entertainment congenial to all ages and all purposes, but special provision is made for the children. Every amusement supplied anywhere at any time is to be had at Miami except cold weather sports.

The warm sandy beach, the swimming pools graduated to all ages, the famous aquarium with specimens of all kinds of fish, Seminole Indians, strange specimens of birds and flowers, unusual

plants, together with all the playground facilities, make Miami a child's paradise. Here every indoor game is played in the open, amid most healthful surroundings. In addition to the many private schools and the educational facilities of the different hotels, the public schools of the city care for the children of tourists. The strangeness of everything tends to arouse the mental alertness of the child, and the winter in Southern Florida can be enjoyed without detriment to the child's education.

four years ago, was asked to return to Nashville and direct the collections the final year.

CARPENTER'S HELPER DIES AT HOUSTON

HOUSTON, Texas, Jan. 4.—Paul Wolff, 17 year old carpenter's helper, died here last night from injuries received when he fell from the third floor of the First National Bank building on which he was working.

Witnesses said he tumbled over several times in mud and landed in a crouching position. Both legs were broken and his skull was fractured.

FREEZE CHECKS FLOOD

PARIS, Jan. 4.—A sudden cold snap, absence of rain for 24 hours and the subsidence of several affluents of the Seine, were believed today to have checked the Paris floods as a general disaster seemed imminent.

The steady rise of the river, which had reached the top of the Quai de Orsay Parapets this morning, continued at a slower rate and was expected to last until Sunday, when if no further rains occur the waters may subside.

A flood depth of 21 feet was noted at Austerlitz bridge at noon.

The odds against a whist player holding all the trumps are 156,768,389,899 to one.

MEXICANS ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH DEATH OF J. E. BAKER

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas, Jan. 4.—Two persons, a Mexican man and a woman are under arrest and a third Mexican is being sought in connection with the death of J. E. Baker in an automobile accident at Edinburg last Sunday.

Charges of murder have been filed against all three Mexicans. The man and woman being held at Edinburg.

Thirty six bottles of Tequila were found in the automobile which collided with the one Baker was driving. The occupants fled after the crash and were later apprehended.

DR. SCARBROUGH ASKED TO TAKE CHARGE AGAIN

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 4.—With more than forty-eight million collected on a seventy-five million campaign to date, the conservation committee of the Baptist voted to raise the additional twenty-seven million during 1923, closing year of the campaign. The money is for missions, education, benevolence. Dr. L. R. Scarbrough, of Fort Worth, Texas, who directed the general campaign for subscriptions



Mapping Colorado River

After one of the most dangerous voyages on record, eleven members of the U. S. Geographic Survey have completed the mapping and exploration of the treacherous waters and gorges of the Colorado River. Many times they were imperilled by floods, and at one time were given up for dead, when floods raged through the Marble and Grand Canyons of Northern Arizona. Colonel J. A. Burdette, Chief Topographic Officer of the Geographic Survey, was in charge of the party, which has been at work since 1919, mapping 1,200 miles of the Colorado and Green rivers and their tributaries. This photograph shows the explorers in Havasu Creek, in the Grand Canyon.

FIGHTS AND FIGHTERS

FORT BRAGG, N. C.—Young Stubbins, George, heavyweight, topped Kid Nemoes, Fort Bragg, in the championship fight, 15 rounds. Stubbins had a good fight in rounds, but was his undefeated straight victory.

CHICAGO, Mo.—Dundee, Red, island fighter, defeated McBride in ten rounds here tonight.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT UNIVERSAL CITY

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed property of the stage settings in Universal City last night valued at a quarter million dollars. Sets for three serials and two feature pictures upon which work was started, were destroyed.

A New York man attempted to steal a cobra from the zoo.

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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF THE CITY NATIONAL BANK OF MEXIA, TEXAS

As Made to Comptroller of Currency at Close of Business, Dec. 31, 1923.

| RESOURCES | |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Loans and Discounts | \$ 70,029.25 |
| Overdrafts | NONE |
| U. S. Bonds to secure circulation | 100,000.00 |
| Five per cent Redemption Fund | 5,000.00 |
| Banking House owned | 40,000.00 |
| Furniture and Fixtures | 14,095.45 |
| Federal Reserve Bank Stock | 3,300.00 |
| Other Real Estate Owned | 2,186.87 |
| Call Loans, secured by approved collaterals | \$170,000.00 |
| Commercial Paper | 105,000.00 |
| United States Short Term Notes and other | |
| United States Government Securities | 240,807.66 |
| Collateral Trust and Other Corporation Short | |
| Term Notes and Bonds | 56,121.64 |
| City of Mexia Warrants | 18,537.51 |
| Limestone County School Warrants | 24,745.58 |
| Bills of Exchange—Cotton Acceptances, well | |
| rated non-resident firms | 125,339.55 |
| CASH ON HAND AND DUE FROM BANKS | 379,119.23 |
| Total | \$1,354,282.74 |

| LIABILITIES | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Capital Stock | \$100,000.00 |
| Surplus and Undivided Profits | \$26,213.90 |
| Reserved for Taxes | 3,286.78 |
| Reserved for Dividend | 5,000.00 |
| Circulation Outstanding | 100,000.00 |
| DEPOSITS | 1,119,782.06 |
| Total | \$1,354,282.74 |

We desire to call attention to the strong position of this bank as reflected in the above statement, and respectfully solicit the accounts of corporations, firms, and individuals who appreciate a careful and efficient service and safe and conservative banking.

Member Federal Reserve System.
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THIS BANK DECLARED ITS REGULAR SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF 5% DECEMBER 31st, 1923.

I certify that the above statement is correct.

DAVID MURPHY, Vice-President.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF

PRENDERGAST-SMITH NATIONAL BANK

MEXIA, TEXAS

As Made to the Comptroller of the Currency at Close of Business December 31, 1923.

| RESOURCES | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Loans and Discounts | \$320,972.79 |
| Stocks and Bonds | 7,462.50 |
| Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures | 69,446.23 |
| Call Loans—New York | \$500,000.00 |
| U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness | 150,000.00 |
| Cash on hand and with banks | 258,287.20 |
| Other resources | 908,287.20 |
| | 281.25 |
| Total | \$1,306,449.97 |

| LIABILITIES | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Capital Stock | \$ 100,000.00 |
| Surplus and Undivided Profits | 14,726.11 |
| DEPOSITS | 1,191,723.86 |
| | \$1,306,449.97 |

10% dividend paid during 1923.

The above statement is correct. N. HOLLINGSWORTH, Cashier.

THIRD MAJOR LEAGUE TALK REVIVED

By HENRY L. FARRELL
(United Press Sports Editor)

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Prediction that a third major league is sure to be organized at a time not very far in the future has come again from sources of qualified authority.

Nothing beyond an opinion, which is a very good one, however, has been found to substantiate a belief that the field is becoming too large for the National and American Leagues to supply.

Since it is an established fact that organized baseball is too well fortified, financially and geographically, to make it possible for an outlaw league to intrude, it is logical that organized baseball will form a third league when the investment assumes the size of a sound business proposition.

If Boston and St. Louis are able to support two major league ball clubs, it would seem reasonable to figure that Cleveland and Detroit would be good fields for continuous baseball, and Cincinnati, with such a good territory to draw, might be interested in another club to divide affection with the Reds.

Baltimore has been pretending major proportions for several years, and Kansas City is looked upon as a fertile spot for some of the big major league money that is figuring on the future.

Another "Federal League" would not go, because the sad experience of that last venture would restrain the investment of any capital in another attempt to test the strength of organized baseball.

The tremendous expense of organizing an independent league, represented in building ball parks, is nothing compared to the problem that would arise in getting the players for six or eight new clubs.

The major leagues, however, would encounter no such insurmountable obstacles as only a few new parks would be necessary and the National and American Leagues might be able to spare enough players to form the nucleus for the new clubs.

Here Is a Penitent
Prisoer — Sure

DALLAS, Texas, Jan. 4.—Though placed behind prison bars for the next two years of his life thru the work of Detectives Walker and Combs, Lloyd Smith, burglar, holds no ill feeling toward them.

In a recent letter to the two detectives, Smith said:

"I did no malice towards you two gentlemen or anyone else. I did wrong. I know that. I am willing to pay my debt to society and start over again. I want to thank you for catching me; if you hadn't I'd probably be in a worse fix than I'm now in. Instead of the next two years I'll have plenty of time to plan for the future."

Walker and Combs sent Smith a carton of cigarettes for a Christmas present.

Pay your poll tax.

Commercial Club Secretaries Meet In Mineral Wells

(By International News Service)

MINERAL WELLS, Texas, Jan. 4.—Texas Commercial Executives Association will convene here April 3, 4 and 5, it was announced by officials of the organization who add that the most elaborate program in the association's history has been already partially arranged.

In addition to the yearly "school," which has always been a feature of the meetings, Lucius E. Wilson of Chicago, known as "the father of modern Chamber of Commerce organization" and Adolph Boldt of St. Louis, district secretary of the U. S. Chamber will address the executives.

ALL BUILDINGS HERE
NOT ON PERMIT AS
SHOWN IN RECORD

The Media Daily News, Friday before Christmas published a report of the building permits issued in Mexico in 1923. The records showed around \$82,000; which has provoked quite a good deal of comment. Many citizens have asserted that the building volume in Mexico in 1923 was nearer \$200,000 than \$100,000. This belief is concurred in by the News, as a list was made, at the time the permits were printed, indicating that many substantial homes were not included in the list. The list was published as it was to show that all were not complying with the matter of applying for permits to the city.

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Under plans of C. J. Kirk, public utilities commissioner, traffic moving east and west now runs 30 seconds and north and south traffic is allowed to flow 45 seconds. Heretofore the speed had been 45 and 60 seconds.

COPPER LINED STOMACH

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 4.—To an Austin negro goes the drinking honors of the season.

The Travis county sheriff's department is authority for the feat of a negro who drank a bottle of denatured alcohol in which a giant centipede was being preserved—and lived.

At the home of Judge and Mrs. O. F. Watkins for the past several days a large and happy party of relatives has been entertained. The visitors are: Thomas R. Mears, for the past 16 years Mayor of Gatesville; Miss Mildred Watkins, sister to Judge Watkins; Mr. and Mrs. Clay McClelland of Waco, Mrs. McClelland being a sister to Judge Watkins; and her husband a member of the law firm of Williams, Williams and McClelland, and Miss Anna Mears, another sister, of Gatesville.

Mystery Plant Now Operating

(By International News Service)

FORT WORTH, Texas, Jan. 4.—The United States Helium, non-explosive gas, plant here—one of Uncle Sam's most jealously guarded secrets,—for the first time since its establishment during the war is now operating at full capacity.

With the supply of natural gas greatly diminished during the past months it has been only possible to operate three units. However the recent completion of two new wells in the Petrolia field, is now furnishing the plant with sufficient gas to enable its five units to swing into action.

J. R. Dulaney of Coolidge, commissioner for precinct No. 2, was in Mexia Thursday returning from Groesbeck where the commissioners court recently held a call meeting.

Grainite is the only common rock which shows no traces of animal or vegetable life.

Roman architects placed earthen jars in the theatre walls to increase the resonance.

TEXAS BANKER DIES

TEXARKANA, Ark., Jan. 3.—Word was received here today of the death in a St. Louis sanitarium of W. R. Grim, 63, president of the Texarkana National Bank and prominent in financial circles of the Southwest.

The pigmy camel belongs to a species found only in Western Persia. It is only five feet high and snow white.

NOTICE

Patterson Jewelry Co. is now located next door to Karner & Phillips. Not connected with repair shop in Shulz building in any way.

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Come to us and let's talk it over. Let your Life Insurance policy be the protection policy. We have many interesting plans at moderate costs.

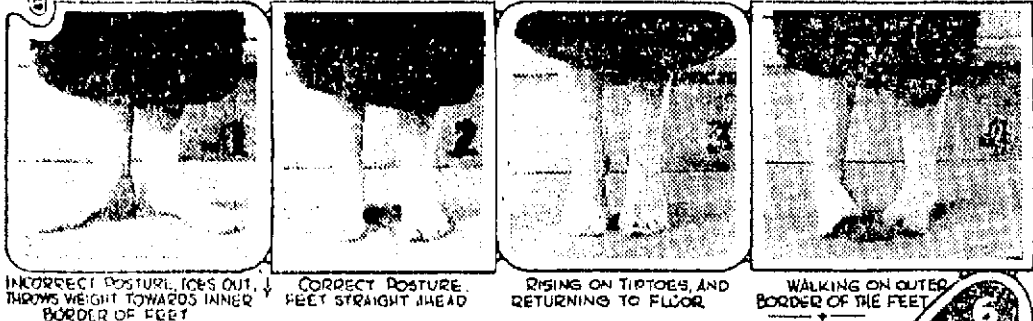
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ROOM 4 WHITE BUILDING

TEN SIMPLE EXERCISES TO HELP STRENGTHEN YOUR FEET



INCORRECT POSTURE, LIES OUT, BOWS WEIGHT TOWARDS INNER BORDER OF FEET

CORRECT POSTURE, FEET STRAIGHT AHEAD

RISE ON TIPTOES, AND RETURNING TO FLOOR

WALKING ON OUTER BORDER OF THE FEET

Suggested by Dr. William M. Scholl, Noted Authority on Foot Hygiene.

One of the great problems of the Army medical officers during the war was the widespread foot trouble prevailing among the recruits. Among the first million men taken from civil life and physically examined at the mobilization camps, it was found that 177,46 of each 1,000 of America's young manhood suffered from various ailments (flatfoot or broken arch). (War Dept. chart, Office of Surgeon General, Bulletin No. 2). Rejections due to flat feet were second to any other two disabilities.

By WM. M. SCHOLL, M. D.

Every normal woman desires to have her feet well and attractively shod. Indeed if they are not trimly shod, she cannot consider herself well dressed, for the appearance of her hat, gloves and shoes is fully as important as her gown. And that of the shoes is by no means least.

This result cannot be attained unless the feet are kept in healthy condition. If the feet are well shaped but have some weakness, they will ultimately give way under the strain of use and lose their natural shape, often becoming distorted. This, of course, results in the distortion of the shoe. Few persons realize to what extent shoes are misshapened by defective feet. Undeserved blame often falls upon the man from whom my lady has bought her shoes when the true reason for their poor appearance is due to her own neglect of her feet. It will pay to take good care of your feet merely for appearance sake. Most important of all, no one can be thoroughly comfortable and happy and 100% efficient with aching feet.

Standards of foot beauty differ. The feet of a tall, slender, light-boned woman would not be in harmony on one who is heavy boned, short, and stout. But there can be no difference of opinion as to the desirability of having healthy feet.

Personally I believe that the feet with which nature has endowed us are the best possible feet that each of us could have under the circumstances, and that proper exercise and care will go a long way to making them comely.

If you wish to preserve the

graceful lines of your feet, therefore, it will pay you to spend a few minutes each morning or before retiring at night in practicing such simple exercises as the original corrective foot exercises illustrated above. Each of them has a definite purpose in correcting certain undesirable conditions, or in helping the foot to resist them. The beginner should read the instructions carefully, take full advantage of them, be careful not to overdo, ten times for each one is sufficient at first, and be sure to practice them regularly.

A "Daily Ten" for the Feet.

Figure 1—Toes out, shows improper posture in which to practice the exercises. This posture is conducive to arch strain. It permits the weight of the body to be thrown toward the inner border of the foot, causing strain on the calf muscles and internal lateral ligament.

Figure 2—Toes straight ahead, shows the correct posture, with the feet parallel. In this position the body's weight is more evenly distributed over the feet.

Figure 3—Raising on tiptoes and returning slowly to floor. Be sure that you stand with your feet parallel. Do this exercise ten times at first. This exercises not only the strong leg muscles but relieves any rigidity in the longitudinal arch and ball of the foot.

Figure 4—Walking on the outer border of the feet. Of course, with feet parallel. The purpose of this exercise is to relieve the strain, if any, on the overstretched muscles of the inner arch, and to put the contracted muscles of the outer longitudinal arch into motion.

Figure 5—With knees crossed, give foot a circular motion at ankle joint, following the direction of the

arrow. In this exercise, place the leg over the knee, extend the toes downward, following the arrow towards the inside. This relieves stiffness of ankle-arch articulation.

Figure 6—Bend the toes downward against the sole, as though you were endeavoring to pick up some small object, as a pencil or handkerchief, with them. This exercise helps to correct weakness of the anterior metatarsal arch which is the transverse or cross

BULGING UPPER PART OF ARCH CAUSED BY ARCH WEAKNESS

PLANTAR EXTENSION

DORSAL FLEXION

wise arch in the forepart of the foot, and to strengthen it. It is also useful where there are adhesions of a rigid condition at the metatarsophalangeal articulation. In other words, it strengthens and helps to create a supple condition in the arch.

WITH KNEES CROSSED, GIVE FOOT CIRCULAR MOTION AT ANKLE



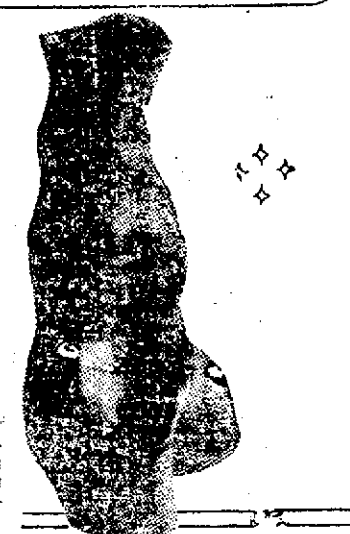
DAFFODIL DANCING, IN MODERATION, IS HELPFUL TO FEET



RAISING TOES OFF FLOOR



STANDING ON EDGE OF BOX OR STEP BEND TOES DOWNWARD



WHAT A WEAK FOOT CAN DO TO A SHOE

turn to the floor slowly. This motion brings into play numerous flexors and extensors. It also helps to reduce any stiffness in the plantar region of the anterior arch. The muscles in the foot which have been neglected, soon respond to systematic exercise. They perform the more graceful motions of the foot while those of the leg furnish the more powerful motions. Through skilful development of foot and leg muscles, the professional dancer is enabled to attain grace and ease.

Figure 10—Standing on bare feet, bend toes downward. Stand on a block of wood or step, place toes over edge and bend them downward as far as possible. This exercise is intended for cases of anterior arch depression. If the condition exists, the exercise, at first, may be painful, but by repeated trials it can be performed.

These simple exercises will help to strengthen the foot and leg muscles to flex and strengthen as it allows the muscles free play. Dancing is one of the most useful methods of nature, and the feet are freely employed, producing lightness and ease of motion.

Figure 7—Plantar Extension; extend the leg and foot, with heel touching floor, and straighten the foot on as near a straight line with leg as possible. This exercise is useful in cases of weak foot and contracted anterior muscles.

Figure 8—Dorsal Flexion; extend the leg and bend the foot as near towards you as possible. The purpose of this exercise is to stretch the posterior calf muscles and Achilles tendon.

Figure 9—Standing on your bare feet, raise your toes off the floor, towards the top of the foot and re-

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MEXIA SHRINE CLUB ELECTS STOLLENWERCK PRESIDENT AND DR. ROY LEAMON SECRETARY

At the annual meeting of the Mexia Shrine Club, Dr. F. Stollenwerck was elected as President for the year 1924. Stollenwerck is of the type that be-

lieves in putting things over and with the proper support of the membership. Mexia may boast of one of the liveliest Shrine Clubs in the South.

The following additional officers were elected to serve with the noble president:

- E. L. Crow, 1st vice president.
 - Rodney Tidwell, 2nd vice president.
 - W. R. Hodges, 3rd vice president.
 - Roy Leamon, Secretary.
 - W. D. Forrest, Treasurer.
- It was unanimously declared by

those present at the meeting in the Masonic Hall last night that by injecting new blood into the official family of the club, it would add new life to the organization. The retiring officers were thanked for their honest efforts in 1923, who in turn pledged the renewed support to the new administration and with the addition of several new members at the meeting, the club bids fair to a new year of prosperity and happiness.

Noble Stollenwerck declared it to be his intentions of studying closely the by-laws of the club and with the assistance of the membership, to carry out the intentions of the organization and further the interests of Shriners in this vicinity.

The club includes in its jurisdiction, Limestone and Freestone counties and has over 200 shriners on its mailing list and it is the intention to have on its list the names of every Shriner residing within this territory and any shriners who do not receive the litera-

ture of the club will confer a special favor on the secretary or the president by sending in their name and address.

Various standing committees will be appointed by the president in the near future and a committee is now at work on plans for a great get-together meeting of all shriners and their ladies at a dinner and to include a program well worth while. The object of the meeting being to create a spirit of good fellowship among nobles and a better understanding of each other.

Efforts are also being made to create permanent club rooms in the near future in which the club may hold its meetings and entertainments and a place where the Shriners may call their home where they may go at their leisure and read, rest and play.

A letter will be mailed by the president in the near future outlining the future plans of the club and it is expected that a great time will be enjoyed during the new year.

Eberstein's January

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—Here's an event that will interest every man and young man in need of good clothing for present or future use. Remember our stock includes a great selection, at prices that will appeal to you.

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- \$2.50 values—**\$1.75**
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- \$3.50 English Broadcloth—**\$2.75**

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- 7.50 Values **5.65**

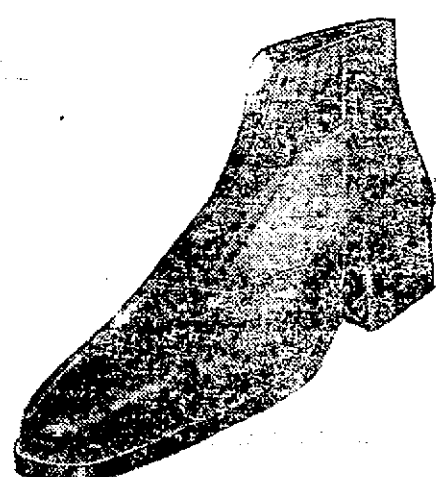
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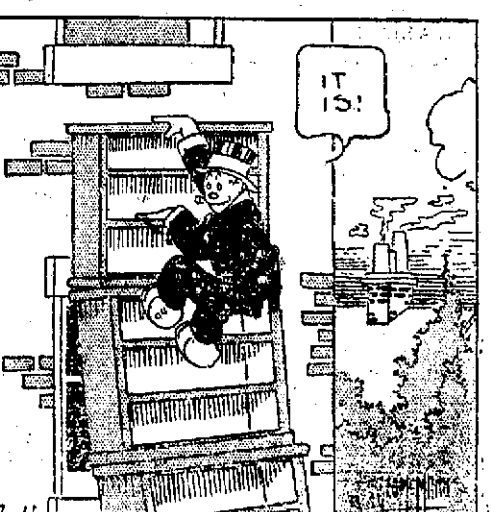
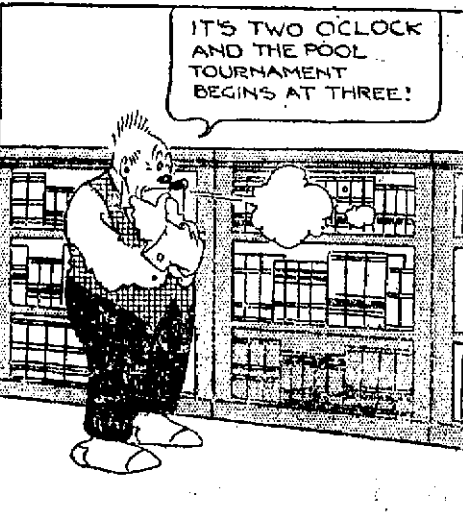
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By George McManus

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PAINT ROCK, Concho County—J. S. McDaniel, charged with murder in connection with the death of Elmer Wright at Eola Saturday, was remanded to jail to await grand jury action, after waiving examining trial. McDaniel was taken to the Ballinger jail. He would make no statement about the slaying of Wright who was shot to death.

BREEDING-SHUMATE

Miss Estelle Shumate of this city was married Saturday afternoon to Mr. D. Breeding at Marlin. Mr. Breeding went from here to Marlin upon the discovery of the Falls County field and will be remembered by quite a following of friends. The bride, too, had won here a host of admirers who attend her in her new relations with all the high hopes for happiness that should attend the marriage of splendid young people.

DILLARD-ROLLER

Considerable surprise was expressed by a host of friends of the bride when it was learned here early this week that Miss Ruth Roller, daughter of H. C. Roller of this city, had been married to R. L. Dillard of Corsicana. The wedding took place at Marlin last week. The bride is well known here, a member of a prominent family and a lovely young lady of charming personality. The groom is agent for the Cadillac automobile in Corsicana, where he is held in high esteem as a splendid young business man. Many happy wishes attend the young people.

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T. E. L. Class of Baptist church met in the Ladies Room on Monday, Dec. 31 from 3 to 5 with their monthly party. Very few were present on account of the bad weather. The new class President, Mrs. Pynto, presided over the business.—Reporter.

FIGHTS AND FIGHTERS

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Jack Taylor Omaha heavyweight won a 12-round decision from Battling McCrory, of Boston.

CHICAGO—Mike Dundee of Rock Island and Stanley McBride of Chicago will box ten rounds here tonight.

PEORIA, Ill.—Jack Malone, formerly of St. Paul, has been matched to meet Alex Tambilas here Jan. 11.

WICHITA FALLS, Tex.—Wanda Gideon, 12, was burned to death and four other members of the family were severely burned when the home of Ross Gideon was destroyed by fire near here yesterday. The fire was believed to have been started by a defective flue. The child's body was found in the ruins of the house.

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NOTICE

Bids will be received by the City Secretary of the City of Mexia up to five o'clock of Jan. 15th, 1924 for the paving N. Kaufman Street from the north line of Sumpter Street to city limits. Plans and specifications on file at the office of the City Engineer.

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MAGNUS JOHNSON LOSES MILKING CONTEST.



Magnus Johnson loses.

Magnus Johnson, "dirt farmer" from Minnesota, cast aspirations upon the farming ability of Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and it cost him dearly. Mr. V. Wallace challenged Senator Johnson to a milking contest, and two of the best milk producers at the Soldiers' Home in Washington were provided by General Tasker Bliss, retired, commander of the home, who is shown standing, refereeing the contest. Mr. Wallace won by a half pint in five minutes, old fashioned, dry hand. Unsatisfied, Senator Johnson has challenged Mr. Wallace to a bucksaw contest. Mr. Wallace is at the extreme left and Mr. Johnson at the right.

REDUCTION of TAXATION IS NOT A MATTER of PARTISAN POLITICS

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SOMEWHERE along the line in the current discussion of tax reduction there has been injected the solemn assertion that Secretary Mellon's plan is a Republican policy and as such ought to be opposed by the Democratic Party. It was apparently inevitable that an attempt would be made to bring this consideration before the people, and that not a few Senators and Representatives who had been paralyzed by the straightforwardness and persuasiveness of the letter to Mr. Green would regain their tongues at the mention of party politics, and this despite the fact that of all the things in the world that are ill-defined, obscure and debatable, the respective policies of the two great political parties in this country are the most poorly defined, the most obscure and the most debatable.



JOHN A. PRATT Chairman National Budget Committee

discloses no such opposition to tax reduction. If opposition to tax reduction is a Democratic policy, Democrats have been supremely successful in keeping that fact to themselves. The truth is, of course, that tax reduction has nothing whatever to do with partisan politics. Scientific tax reduction, such as that which is now proposed, is based upon the fact that proposed revenues exceed proposed expenditures. The essential factor is that not more should be taken from the people in taxes than is required for the efficient conduct of the Government. If the tax reduction program goes through during the present session of Congress it will not be because the Republicans put it through. At the present moment its opponents number as many Republicans as they do Democrats. President Coolidge may urge the Mellon plan upon Congress, but his appeal must be to Congress as a whole and not to his Republican adherents. Those who support it will go into the next campaign on their personal record as conservers of the public welfare, as the supporters of a measure that has no more to do with the respective policies of the Republican and Democratic parties than has voting the salaries of ambassadors. Tax reduction is not a party matter and he who tries to make anyone believe it is, shows himself neither a good politician nor a worthy public representative.

Revolution In Cotton Raising Expected Soon

(By International News Service) PALESTINE, Texas, Jan. 4.—On the heels of the Dallas man's announcement who expected to revolutionize the cotton industry by his combination milk-weed cotton plant, there arises one, C. T. Valentine, Anderson county farmer who goes one better with the announcement that he has already perfected "the perfect" cotton plant. Valentine, scientific farmer and horticulturist, offers to produce a plant which he has experimented upon for years that is "as near weevil-proof as cotton can ever be made."

The stock, he says, is large and vigorous and fruits well, with a stable one and one-eighth inches, yet it is almost nude of foliage. The leaves he describes as being small and narrow thus permitting the sunshine to penetrate every portion of the plant, keeping the boll weevil from working to his own satisfaction.

"This plant is the result of years patient breeding and I thoroughly believe I have achieved a wonderful success in my purpose," he said.

It is estimated that there are 16 tons of microscopic shellfish in every cubic mile of the ocean.

The moose deer has the largest horns of any animal. They often weigh from fifty to sixty pounds.

Wise Cracks From Southwest Press

(By International News Service) As we understand it, says the Tulsa World, curb trading in stocks can get too rough for Wall street.

It has just about gotten so in this country, says the Dallas News, that when a man can't become what he wants he becomes a pessimist.

When Mah Jong gets down on a price basis with a deck of bicycle cards it may become something more than a fad.

Let the man have his knowledge, says the Maryville Democrat, woman has her intuition.

We have been wondering why a certain man suddenly became so polite, says the Maryville Democrat. We just found out he was given a book of etiquette for Christmas.

Chicago paid out about \$1,000,000 for its New Year's eve festivities. A few parties like that and the soldiers would have a bonus, according to the Kansas City Kansan.

Nearly everybody is in favor of a joint resolution from congress says the Kansas City Kansan, pledging more action and less argument for the new year.

Yes Roscor, admit the Kansas City Star, experience is what you get from buying oil stock.

It seems hardly necessary to add that the big forests which are desolated by great fires are not the ones your fireplace wood comes from, says the Kansas City Star.

Farmers Threaten To Eat Turkeys On Low Markets

(By International News Service) SMITHVILLE, Texas, Jan. 4.—As the farmers of Iowa once threatened to burn their corn for fuel—as the farmers of Kansas once threatened to mill their own wheat—so do the farmers of this district now threaten to eat their own turkeys, rather than place them on the market below ten cents per pound.

It is rumored, at the customary after-holiday slump, that several farmers have already killed large numbers of the fowls, curing the meat and storing it away.

IT'S A BOY

Born to Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Bangardner a splendid baby boy. The arrival was at the Brown Hospital. Mother and babe are doing nicely. Congratulations.

ON THE WAY DOWN TOWN

By SLYBOOTS

There is one thing I object to and that is an argument especially when all the fine points are on the other fellow's side. But I had to but in this morning at King's Garage as I was hurrying down after a late breakfast. Just as I was passing this horseless livery stable I saw several friends of mine in a heated argument and as I have a hound's ear for news I tarried among them to see what scandal might interest Rome during the remainder of the day. It seemed to be a classical argument and I am quite sure that several of the participants must have had a Degree or two of fever for just as I entered I heard Claude King, with both arms in the air say, "I know none of them was Minkey Hitt"—just about that time Marvin Webb came out of the office door and said I will settle the matter and leave it to Slyboots. And this was what was put to me by friend Webb: "I claim that Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse were Paul Revere, Buffalo Bill, Jesse James and Barney Google." The subject was too deep for me and I left at once to get a copy of the latest Almanac to decide the matter. Just as I walked into the Mexia Drug Company to call for an Almanac I saw Ole Doc Ezell slipping Dr. Jim Watson some soft information and feeling a little suspicious I drew near and it seemed that Val Horn had a sign in his window that was taking up all the loose conversation and causing a lot of comment. As Val and I are inside partners on a few things notorious I walked up the street at once to Val's Drug Store and there was a crowd of possibly a score looking at a sign in the window reading something like this, "Alcohol for your radiator." The crux of the matter seemed to BE WHICH radiator—the one on your car OR the one you carry round with you. I saw Gum Shoe Thompson hurrying up the street and as I am always very particular about the company the right arm of the law

found me in a hurry on to work. Reaching the alley, Albert Berry was having a talk with Jim Anderson, David Murphy, Horace Stevens, Geo. Peyton, Fred Reeves, E. L. Smith, Blake Smith, Garland Adair, Sam McCord, Dr. R. B. Jackson, Rev. W. B. Andrews, Lennie Metcalf, Ed Measels, Noel Hollingsworth. They were discussing how a church could be heated so that it would not make the congregation sleepy. Brother Andrews didn't have a word to say while this was being discussed. Finally Mr. Berry ventured to quote the old proverb: "A little knowledge am a dangerous thing." Upon this remark being made and seeing that they were getting personal, I drifted on but not too rapidly to hear Dr. Jackson's comment: "Well Fred Karner sho' is totin' a big stick of dynamite on his shoulder."

On reaching the office, I was informed that Jean Ormsby had been looking for me to make very important announcement. I hurried back to the Pioneer News stand, just as Hardy Eubanks was making a deal for the Police Gazette. He turned to Pat Patterson and asked "Did you ever read 'To a Field Mouse'?" Pat replied "No, how do you ever get 'em to listen to you?"

I was advised that Mr. Ormsby had not been down yet, so I rushed out to his home. On the way out I met Dr.

Hamm and when I neared the place, I saw Mr. Ormsby jump out of the window apparently very much excited. I asked him what was the trouble and he said "O its leap year and her name is Mary."

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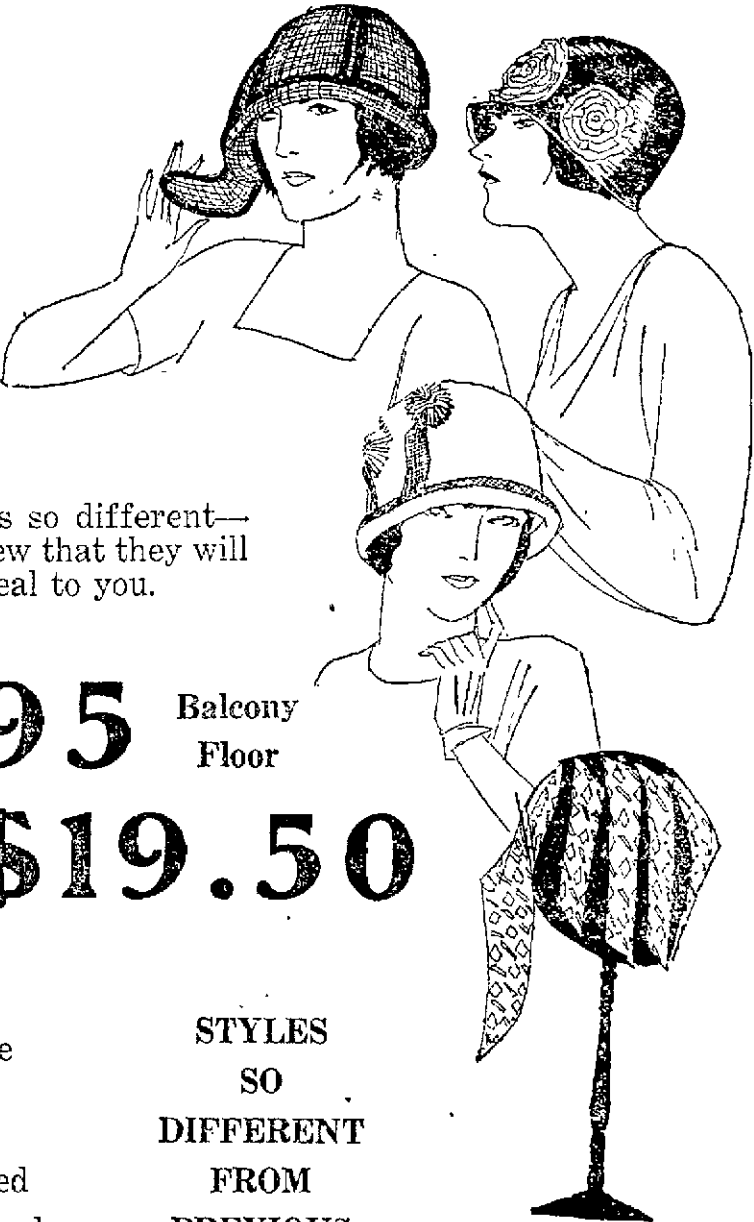
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The Mexican army is believed to be the only buyer of airplanes in Mexico.

In the south of France the production of lavender oil is a peasant industry.

More than 90 per cent of a blanket of new snow is sometimes made up of

Salary Papers Being Prepared By Gotham Clubs

By HENRY L. FARRELL, (United Press Staff Correspondent)

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—With good intention and some trepidation, the owners of the two champion ball clubs here are getting new salary papers ready for their athletes.

Champion ball clubs in recent years have developed the habit of expecting large raises in salaries after winning pennants for their owners.

"One or two of the Giants may get an increase in salary, but some of them may feel fortunate in getting to make at a contract," Charles A. Stoneham, owner of the National League champions said.

"Frisch, Young and Jackson are on the list for more money, but most of the players will have to be content with what they were 'rawing on their expired contracts. All of the Giants but Kelly have to be signed."

The Giants, in talking terms with the players, are in a better position to argue against general raises than the Yankees. The American League champions may figure that they are working for a wealthy boss who ought to be generous new that they have given him his first world championship.

The Giant contracts will be mailed out in another week, but the Yankee officials have not made known when they will get into their job.

Colonel Ruppert face the job of signing every player on the team with the exception of Babe Ruth and they all want more money. Ruppert is anything but a tight-fisted man, but while generous, he is not extravagant.

Players are to be given gold watches as a souvenir of the victory in the world's series and Colonel Ruppert is to give each of them a gold fob to go with the watch.

WINTER VEGETABLES MOVE IN THE STATE (By International News Service) SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Jan. 4.—The Texas winter vegetable crop is beginning to move to market and prices are firm. Cabbage, spinach and grapefruit are being moved rapidly. It was learned today.

Sam L. Leathers of Guy's Store, was in the city last Wednesday air.

LEGALLY "DEAD" MAN IS HUNG TODAY

Representative Lamb Defends Highway Law

Kansas Bank Bandits Get Away With \$32,000

Hopes Matter May Be Amicably Adjusted and Continued Aid Be Given To Limestone County

De Witt Lamb of this city, Limestone County's representative in the 38th Legislature today issued the following statement: In regard to the new highway law:

"While I am confident there are those better qualified and informed to discuss the subject at issue, still, because of the small part I had in helping to place the control of our State highways in the hands of the department at Austin and relieving the county commissioners of the burden, I feel there are a few points that I might with propriety touch upon, hence this article.

Because of the recent court injunction, and the fact that there has existed for some time considerable friction between the state and county officials over the highway question, the subject will no doubt be a lively one in local politics during the present election period. If the differences are amicably adjusted after being thoroughly discussed we will be fortunate. The people should at least take the trouble to inform themselves, and this we believe they will have ample opportunity to do.

The Thirty-eighth Legislature, in which I had the honor and privilege of serving, passed a number of constructive and, I think, beneficial laws which seek to better our present system of highways. Among these were the gasoline tax, the condemnation of lands for road purposes, the increased automobile and truck tax, the speed limit law, the law posting signs at road intersections, and the much-discussed law relieving the counties from the duty of maintaining the state highways and placing the task in the hands of the State Highway Department.

So far as I have been able to learn, the gasoline tax bill was the only tax bill which met popular favor, and for which the legislature was not severely taken to task in favoring its passage. The argument used in its favor was the same that is being generally accepted by those who believe the state highway system should be connected up as a state institution and not to be looked upon as a local institution. That is to say, practically everybody buys gasoline, and rides the automobile, and everybody uses the highways—why not those who use them most pay the most tax. We believe a fairly representative tax measure will also be found in the increased automobile tax bill, which seeks to inflict the burden of taxes on those most able to pay and those using the largest number and weight of vehicle.

For the position we took on these highway measures we have no apology to offer. Should we have stood for re-election for a second term, our platform would certainly have included a positive stand in favor of the propositions as enumerated above. In this regard, we feel confident that after the State Highway Department shall have handled the maintenance of our state highways for a few years every

Oldest Paper In Missouri Changes

(By International News Service) ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 4.—The oldest newspaper in the capitol of Missouri has changed management and ownership in a sale by Joseph Goldman of the majority stock in the Democrat-Tribune to J. F. Koester.

Goldman had owned and edited the newspaper, as Democrat daily fifteen years. The paper has been in operation under various names more than seventy-five years, according to its former owner.

Under Koester, who is owner of the Missouri Volkfreund, German weekly, the publication will be continued with its allegiance remaining with the Democratic party, it was said.

Goldman will go to St. Louis where his wife is ill in a hospital.

COUNTERFEITERS MAKE RECORD DURING THE OLD YEAR

(By International News Service)

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 4.—Counterfeiters in the Southwest made 1923 their record year, according to William A. Davenport, chief of secret service in this district. During the last year, Davenport said thirty-six fake bills have been passed in various parts. The largest was a \$1,000 note which it was said was given to a bootlegger in the East.

However, it was said the activities of counterfeiters in the Southwest for the most part were confined to raising bills. The denominations most frequently used were the \$10 and \$20 notes.

Recently a flood of counterfeit dimes have been found in and around Kansas City. The federal operatives admit they were more or less puzzled over counterfeit money in such small denomination. The dimes, it was said, are good copies and are made of lead.

CINCINNATI IS THREATENED BY RISING OHIO

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 4.—Railroad officials prepared to close the Central Union railroad station today as rising waters of the Ohio river threatened to invade the tracks.

The river has neared the danger mark of 52 feet and is expected to reach 54 feet before the present swell subsides.

Merchants in the "bottoms" are removing goods in ground floors to higher levels.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 4.—The flood waters of the Ohio, Monongahela and Allegheny rivers reached danger stage today, inundating homes of families along the river lowlands of McKees Rocks, McKees Port and the North Side.

A stage of 27 feet was reported at the Point Bridge at 7 a. m. the highest since the floods of 1913.

The rivers are rising at a rate of seven inches an hour and the weather bureau here predicted a stage of 29 feet by noon today. The highest in 1913 was 30.4 feet.

THE WEATHER

East Texas—Tonight and Saturday partly cloudy; probably snow or rain in north portion. Colder tonight. Colder in southeast Saturday. Cold wave in northwest with temperature 10 to 14; freezing nearly to the coast.

West Texas—Tonight fair and colder; freezing in south portion; temperature nearly zero in north Panhandle. Saturday partly cloudy.

MABEL'S PICTURES BARRED FROM SCREEN

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 4.—Mabel Normand's pictures will be barred in the theatres here, the board of censors announced. This follows the latest Hollywood scandal in which the actress figured.

H. Hutson of Waco was a business visitor to the city Wednesday.

Recognition of Soviets Starts Senate War.



President Zinoviev, Georges Tchitcherine

Violent war has broken out in the United States Senate over the blunt note of Secretary of State Hughes to Georges Tchitcherine, Soviet Foreign Minister, declining to enter into any negotiations for recognition of Russia. Following his note Mr. Hughes made public a document from President Zinoviev directing members of the Workers' Party of America to drill them in firearms and trench digging, with a view to flying the red flag of Communism over the White House.

VENIZELOS BACK AS PREMIER OF ITALY

ATHENS, Jan. 4.—Former Premier Eleutherios Venizelos returned today to the country that once banished him. Along the same road which he traversed, guarded by armed followers, when he departed from Greece in 1920, Venizelos came back to Athens in triumph.

In his first statement after his arrival, the former premier said: "I shall remain until a solution that is based upon the will of the nation has been reached."

Venizelos, who was recalled to Greece following success of his followers and of republicans in the elections and the expulsion of the Greek sovereigns, arrived off Palearon aboard the liner Andros.

Colonel Plastiras, former hold of the military directorate, who resigned Wednesday, went 15 miles out to sea to meet him, with the auxiliary cruiser Tenedos.

After the two strong men of Greece had exchanged greetings and Colonel Plastiras had explained the situation and the changes that have occurred since Venizelos sailed from Marseilles Sunday, the latter transferred to the Andros, and disembarked at New Palearon, whence he motored to Athens.

SAILS FOR INDIA

Word was received from Harry V. Klug that he, his wife and small son, had sailed on the Cunard liner Scythia on Saturday, December 29, for India. They will stop for a short time in England before taking passage for Rangoon, India, where Mr. Klug is in the employ of the Burma Oil Company.

Mr. Klug is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Klug of the Commercial Hotel.

Messenger In Kansas City Suburbs Is Held Up

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 4.—A messenger for the Centropolis Bank of Kansas City at Centropolis, Mo., a suburb, was held up by bandits and robbed of \$32,000 in cash.

ANOTHER WOMAN INVOLVED IN SHOOTING SCANDAL

By H. E. SWISHER (United Press Staff Correspondent)

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4.—Confession of Horace A. Greer, chauffeur, who shot Courtland S. Dines today involved another woman in the mystery surrounding the assault which took place while the Denver oil man was entertaining Edna Purviance and Mabel Normand, Greer's employer.

Detectives interrogated Mrs. Edna Burns, companion of Miss Norman, following Greer's statement that as he was leaving for Dines' apartment Mrs. Burns saw him take the revolver with which the shooting was done and admonished him to "be careful."

Authorities wished to know if Miss Normand's companion could throw any light upon the chauffeur's motive in assaulting Dines, who has been in the Good Samaritan Hospital since New Year's night with a bullet wound in the chest.

Greer told the police, Mrs. Burns frequently had told him Miss Normand had "too many bad associates."

Mrs. Burns might have unwittingly influenced the chauffeur to imagine himself Miss Normand's protector, the police held. Greer's version of the shooting, which took place in Dines' bungalow court apartment Tuesday night, was that he shot the Denver man when the latter attempted to interfere with Miss Normand's departure.

The petite screen star was herself in the Good Samaritan hospital today, "recovering nicely" following an operation for appendicitis performed Thursday.

Physicians said it will be a week before either Miss Normand or Dines would be able to receive visitors.

EIGHT SONS ARE PALLBEARERS AT MOTHER'S FUNERAL

Funeral services of Mrs. Nannie G. Landrum, who died Sunday afternoon, took place Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the family residence, 2222 North Fourth street, the eight sons of deceased acting as pallbearers.

W. W. Nott officiated and burial was at Park Lawn cemetery. Mrs. Landrum was born in Kentucky, but had lived in Texas the past 25 years and in Waco the last nine years. She is survived by her husband, W. F. Landrum, by eight sons and three daughters, Herbert, Claude and Clyde Landrum; Waco; W. B. Landrum, Mexia; Charles Landrum, Dallas; Guy Landrum, Fort Worth; Horace Landrum, Drumright, Okla.; Earl Landrum, Luling; Mrs. A. O. Clingsdale, Hillsboro, and Misses Bessie and Pearl Landrum, Waco. A sister, Mrs. W. M. Grimes, lives in Oakland, Ky.—Waco News-Tribune.

OFFICERS WHO GAVE GREEK KING "LEAVE OF ABSENCE."



Premier Stylianos Gonatas and Gen. Plastiras

Premier Stylianos Gonatas and General Plastiras, who, upon demand of the last Greek revolt, are the two men who, upon demand of the Army and Navy Committee, gave King George and Queen Olga a "leave of absence" to quit Greece pending a determination of the future form of government. It is not believed they will ever be permitted to return.

Soldier Reported Dead Is Restored To Happy Mother

(By International News Service)

TULSA, Okla., Jan. 4.—What was believed to be a tragedy of the great World war has been given a happy ending; a son officially reported "killed in action" has been restored to his mother.

Mrs. W. A. Park is the mother and the son is Arthur Park, 33 years old. He is visiting her here after an absence of nine years.

In 1915 at Independence, Kansas, Arthur Park said farewell to his wife and parents to enlist in the army of Canada. The last letter received from him by relatives was in 1917. It was written from a trench in the front line, "somewhere in France," a few hours before his regiment "went over the top" to an engagement in which Park says twenty-four men out of the unit's 237 returned alive.

Writing the Canadian government, Mrs. Park was informed that her son had been killed in the Argonne forest. Park's wife returned to the home of her parents in Pennsylvania.

Park was not killed but was wounded severely. After lying in hospitals in Bres and London for many months, during which time he was decorated for bravery by King George of England, he was pronounced cured and fit for additional service. Apparently in as good health as ever, Park left the hospital with his mind affected. He suffered from lapse of memory, due to a shrapnel wound in his head and could not remember his name, where he lived or any details of his past life.

Returning to duty, Park served with the Canadian forces until the end of the war, and as a member of the army of occupation in Colbenz, Germany, until November, 1922, when he was honorably discharged from service. He came to New York, obtained employment with an electrical supply company and was sent to Memphis, Tenn.

The former soldier's memory suddenly returned, and he wrote his mother in Independence, Kansas, but the letter was returned, his parents having moved to Tulsa. He was reunited with his wife and child, the latter born shortly after he enlisted, through a chance meeting with his wife's brother. Remembering his mother had relatives in New Haven, Conn., he wrote them and was informed of her present address. Their meeting followed.

It seems hardly necessary to add that the Park, whose hair has turned white from suffering and hardships, does not even like to talk of his strange experience, saying: "I don't even care to think of war anymore."

J. V. Haney of Waco was in the city Wednesday on business.

LIST OF DEAD IN EXPLOSION YET STANDS AT EIGHT

PEKIN, Ill., Jan. 4.—(United Press)

Mammoth cranes and hundreds of men with picks, crowbars and shovels, hacked and strained today at the ice sheeted ruins of the dry starch plant of the Corn Products Company here in the belief that many of the men who are reported missing since yesterday's explosion, are buried in the debris.

Police Chief McQuire early today said that his count of the recovered dead totals eight. This figure is unofficial.

The missing number 20, Corn Products officials estimated.

Through the eight foot wire fence that encloses the plant, scores of relatives of the missing maintained an all night vigil. The cold was intense but the grief stricken watchers appeared to be indifferent to suffering.

Superintendent H. W. Lawton took issue with the police figures on the dead and said that only two bodies had been taken from the ruins and three died in hospitals, making a total of five known dead.

Lawton fears that all of the missing are entombed under the wreckage. Lawton directed a checkup of the 250 men who were in the plant when the dry dust explosion occurred and said that 27 men were missing.

The two bodies recovered from the ruins were those of Lee Harding, 45, foreman, and John Hooper, Lawton announced. James Holton, George Liber and Manuel Hicks died in hospitals.

Thirty-one injured are in Pekin hospitals, a dozen are in hospitals at Peoria, ten miles distant and still others are scattered in homes.

The fire which swept the plant following the explosion did not subside until late last night. Hundreds of tons of water had been thrown on the ruins, with the result that the debris, scattered over a half block of ground, are sheeted with huge masses of ice.

Three investigations were started today. The company making one, local authorities are pushing another and the state fire marshal is making a third.

Lawton said that the explosion mystified him. The plant where it occurred was of steel and concrete and embodied every possible precaution against danger from dust explosions. The plant had been inspected six weeks ago and found safe.

State Fire Marshal Gamber believes the explosion occurred in the packing section of the plant. In this section the missing men are buried, plant officials believe.

Kels Pays For Murder With His Life

FOOLSON PENITENTIARY, Cal.,

Jan. 4.—Alex Kels, once legally "dead" and buried, with all the honors of a respected business man of Lodi, Cal., will become dead actually at 10 this morning. At that hour he is to be hanged from a scaffold, paying the penalty for the murder of an itinerant laborer and permitting the body to be buried as that of his own. Kels' final hope vanished when Governor Richardson refused reprieve. He spent his last days quietly. His widow will now collect the \$100,000 insurance, and thereby Kels is accomplishing through the law that which he sought through murder.

Alex Kels was hanged at 10:16 this morning. Kels died stoically, silently, uncomplainingly.

MURDER HEARING TO BE GIVEN AT HOUSTON

FRIDAY

HOUSTON, Jan. 4.—Motive for the slaying of Mrs. Mollie Rush Dudley, 24 year old divorcee, by Robert J. Robinson, former University of Texas student, will be heard in preliminary hearing for Robinson tomorrow morning, it was indicated today.

Robinson, held in the county jail, here on a charge of murder, refuses to make a statement and efforts to get members of the family to talk have been fruitless.

Several citizens of Cleveland, where the Robinsons formerly lived, arrived in Houston and announced that they were "back of Bob to the limit." They will make bond up to \$100,000 if necessary they said to secure his temporary release.

A Christmas package bearing the card of Dr. C. H. Robinson, the boys' father, was found in a chest in the woman's room and is expected to play an important part in the murder investigation.

Memorial Day Is Proposed For Humorist

(By International News Service)

BOONEVILLE, Mo., Jan. 4.—Newly elected officers of the Mark Twain Memorial Park Association formed here today announced a Mark Twain memorial day would be observed here in the near future.

The officers are Col. C. M. Harrison, chairman; Gertrude Cosgrove, vice-chairman; Mrs. Felix Victor, secretary, and C. E. Crane, treasurer.

The association, according to the officers will make a determined effort to create interest in a memorial to the famous author.

Warden Opposes Electrocution And Quits Job

AUSTIN, Jan. 4.—R. F. Coleman, warden at the Huntsville prison, has resigned because he objects to the electrocution of prisoners under the new law, according to word received here.

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MELLON PROPAGANDA USES TAX VICTIMS AS CAT'S PAW

None of the champions of the Mellon tax reduction plan had yet attempted to reply to the questions which were put to them by Representative Rosenbloom, Republican, of West Virginia in the course of a speech in the House of Representatives a few days ago. It is forecast, however, that the Republican leaders in Congress will be compelled to take notice of these questions and many others which the Democrats intend to ask them before the Administration's proposals are very much older.

Congressman Rosenbloom was speaking on the subject of tax-exempt securities, and of the individuals and interests that urged the repeal and reduction of taxes two years ago as a means of attracting money back into industry and thus insure prosperity.

"A legislative proposal can be most certainly identified and characterized by its advocates," Mr. Rosenbloom declared. "Why it is," he asked, "that the same gentlemen who some years ago were exhausting their energy to secure reduction of income taxes on incomes in excess of \$37,000 a year, at the expense of incomes under \$37,000 a year, are now so devoted to their 'professed' interest in the people generally that they use the same majority of people whom they proposed to tax heavily as the cat's paw of their argument that the proposed amendment should be adopted?"

ARKANSAS ROADS

President Coolidge is backing the Secretary of Agriculture to the limit in his course towards the administration of Federal aid for roads in Arkansas, where Federal funds are being withheld pending the correction of certain conditions.

Secretary Wallace states, regrading the affair:

"It is estimated that road improvement districts in Arkansas have issued bonds to the amount of about \$63,000,000. Of this only \$11,000,000, about 17 per cent in round numbers, has been used in connection with Federal aid. The remainder has been used altogether on district projects, with which Federal aid has had nothing to do.

"Most of the Arkansas road districts, in connection with which there have been serious abuses and gross unfairness to the land-owning farmers, were created before Federal aid amounted to anything. Many of them had practically exhausted local funds before Federal aid was called for.

"Because of the peculiar road district system adopted in Arkansas Federal aid administration has been exceedingly difficult. In April 1921, it was discovered that great injustices were practiced in these road districts, of which at that time there were more than 500, but in only 110 of which Federal aid had been granted. An engineer of the Department of Agriculture was sent into the State to make a careful investigation to secure information needed to administer Federal aid funds.

"He found many cases of bad management, careless handling and improper payments of local funds, excessive assessments on land owners, unbalanced and discriminatory assessments, ineconomic laying out of districts, and a general laxity in the organization to maintain the roads once they were built.

"The governor called a special session of the legislature to convene September 24. The legislature passed an act known as the Harrelson law. It is better than the old law. Under it no new improvement district can be created except by a majority vote of the people within the district, and the assessment which may be levied on adjacent land is limited.

"The department has no intention of making any further investigation in Arkansas except as it may be necessary to administer Federal aid funds justly and efficiently."

CITIZENSHIP
-Thought for the Day-

By A. Garland Adair

CITIZENSHIP MEANS SERVICE

Henry Ellis, editor of the Denison, (Texas,) Herald offers this as the Citizenship Thought for today:

"Citizenship is a term frequently used and often misunderstood. To many who take a selfish view, it refers to rights, privileges and immunities guaranteed by the Constitution. Others regard loyalty to government, devotion to its institutions and obedience to constituted authority as meeting all requirements.

"Citizenship means more than that. It means service in all the various walks of humanity. He is not a good citizen who gathers from the stream of life the best there is and selfishly appropriates it to his own use and benefit. The blessings he enjoys should be shared with his neighbor; and per contra, will he be a better citizen and a better man if in turn he assists his fellow man in bearing the burdens of misfortune laid upon him.

"Therefore, the obligations of citizenship are commanding. They can not be evaded or thrust aside. To serve one's country is well; but it is service to humanity without hope of reward other than the consciousness of duty well performed that makes the well rounded citizen."

HOPES MATTER

(Continued from Page 1)

legislator who voted for the change will be entirely vindicated from the hasty criticism now being offered from some of the counties, notably my own.

The automobile has become so nearly universal in use, and consequently every section of the state has been brought into such close communion with every other section, that we can hardly look upon our highways as being other than "trunk line" carriers—

belonging to the people as a whole everywhere, even though local bond issues have largely constructed local sections of them. If we in Texas had only one highway crossing somewhere in the state, we possibly would not yet have arrived at such a viewpoint. But the present laws seek to go into the future a bit and contemplate service to the people as a whole after a veritable network of paved and surfaced highways have connected every inhabited section. The task of maintenance will then have reached such proportions, if indeed it has not already, that most of the county officials will be glad to surrender the responsibility to other and perhaps more competent engineers. The county commissioners will still have left to them

much to do in building and maintaining county lateral roads in their respective counties.

Every real Democrat subscribes strongly to the principle of local self-government, but just where local self-government quits off and general supervision, departmental action, state authority, or "dictatorship," as some would term it, begins will always be a debatable question. The determining factor should be our constitution, and where the latter is silent, common sense. It does seem reasonable that our State Highway Department would be much better qualified to superintend the maintenance of a road which it certainly has a large part in constructing than a local community which naturally has no perspective beyond the immediate boundary line across, which may be a competitive locality.

I would not in the least belittle or speak disparagingly of the many commendable efforts of our county commissioners in their attempts at maintaining our public roads. Criticism is often too hasty, and sometimes unjustly spoken. Our public officials receive more of it than they do of outspoken encouragement and commendation. Information, honest truth, and all the facts in the question are what the voters are going to want in the coming campaign. One has to reflect but a moment to realize that our counties, purely as local institutions, have been trying in some places to build good roads for 147 years and have gotten nowhere, generally speaking. Local effort is insufficient. Local financing has already proven inadequate. It is a state-wide and country-wide undertaking. Supervision from state and nation should be welcomed instead of resented. If our State Highway Department fails in its efforts at maintaining the state highways it can be legislated out of existence shortly. If it succeeds, a long step forward will have been taken.

As the Governor has said, one cannot drive over a highway in Texas for a hundred miles at the present time without running off into a bog hole. Some jealous or disinterested county is usually found to blame where no real excuse exists for the unimprovement. These differences may be quickly ironed out when the state has supervision as is the case in many commonwealths that began forty years ahead of Texas in building and maintaining good roads.

One more word about the automobile tax. Before amended at the last session of the legislature, the state received half of the automobile tax and each county retained the other half. The counties were prohibited from using their part of these moneys except for maintenance of state highways. Under the new law as recently amended it has been interpreted to

mean that each county will receive just what it has heretofore received (except as the increase in number of cars will give them more) and the State Highway Department will receive the other half and the increase from the higher tax. In view of this, it seems that counties will be better off as well as the State Highway Department, since they will not be robbed of any moneys they have not heretofore been retaining, and the State will have the burden of maintenance of all state highways, using the same money that the counties have been retaining and spending only on state highways. The only material changes, as one can readily see, therefore, is that the state will superintend the spending of the same money, as well as the increase. Let us hope that since the courts will settle the matter, they can do so amicably, and that Limestone County will continue to receive federal and state recognition, as she has been so very greatly favored with in the past.

Cordially,
De Witt Lamb.Radio Robbers
Latest Thing
In Criminality

(By International News Service)
KANSAS CITY, Jan. 4.—Kansas City's latest alliterative thieves, the "radio robbers" now are attracting the attention of local police.

The thieves earned their title when they stole six transmission tubes from radio set of H. J. Wheeler. Thoroughness seemed to be a part of the thieves' makeup. They removed all pictures from the walls, rolled up the rugs and prepared and ate lunch before Wheeler found the bandits leaving the dirty dishes on a table.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 4.—Continued cold weather prevailed over the South west today with no let up in sight. Snow fell in many sections. The cold wave will continue through the remainder of this week and into next, forecasters here believed.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Landrum returned Tuesday from the funeral of his mother. They have the sympathies of the entire community in their hour of sorrow.

The German fleet that was scuttled at Scapa Flow is to be raised, cut up and sold for junk.

There are two railroad systems in the Philippines, with a total mileage of about 800.

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WATCHES

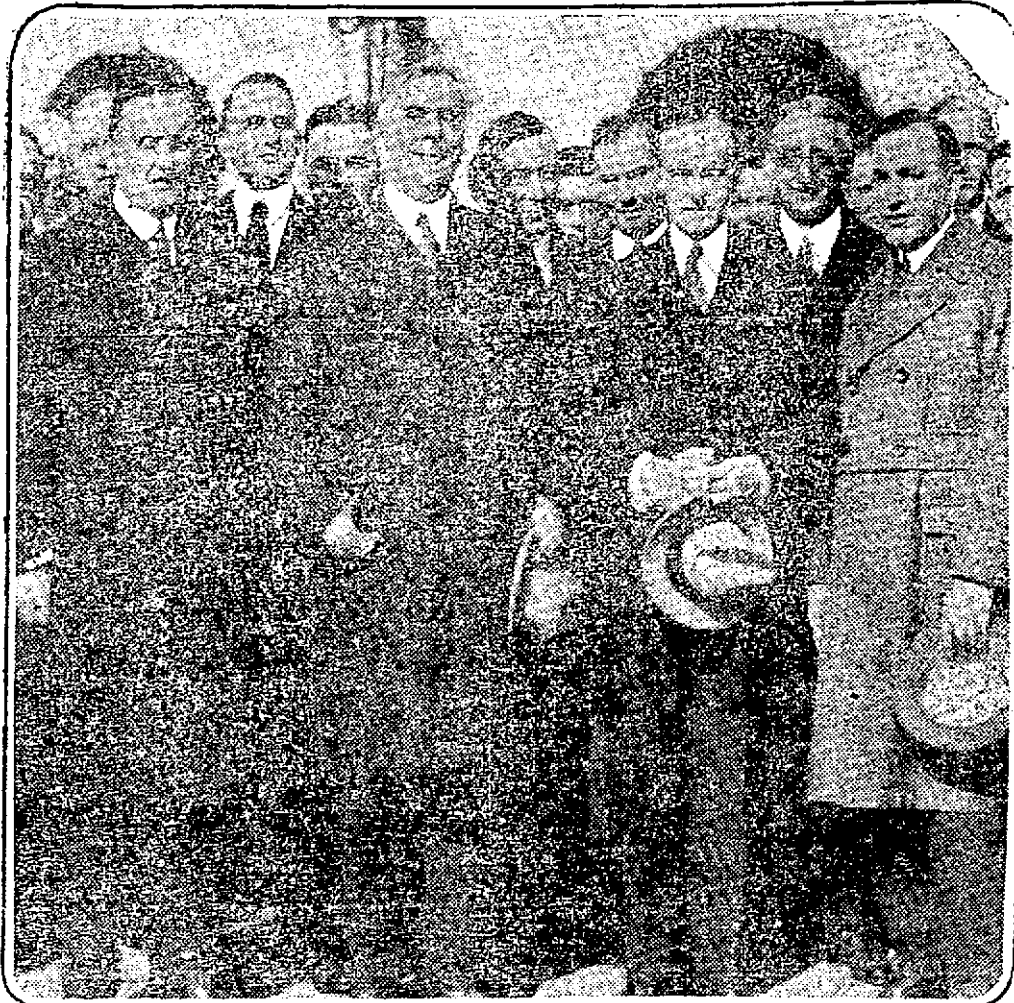
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N. M. A. to Urge Automobile Plank in Party Platforms



Left to right: Col. Thad H. Brown, Ohio Secretary of State; Judge Walter D. Meals, President N. M. A.; President Coolidge, Fred H. Caley, President O. S. A. A. and Secty. N. M. A.; Richard H. Lee, Vice Pres. N. M. A.

For the first time in automobile history, automobile owners of the nation will attempt to have a motor plank included in the national political platforms.

The National Motorists' Association has taken the lead in presenting this subject, following the reception of its delegates and officials recently by President Coolidge at the White House. At that time the president outlined his personal views regarding the automobile.

"The motor car," he told the N. M. A., "has raised the people and has given them a new outlook on life."

"To experience its greatest fulfillment, the motor industry must be provided with good roads."

"It is desirable, moreover, to see that this great enterprise and activity have an equitable method of taxation, and in obtaining these activities and benefits, I want to tender to you my most hearty cooperation and support."

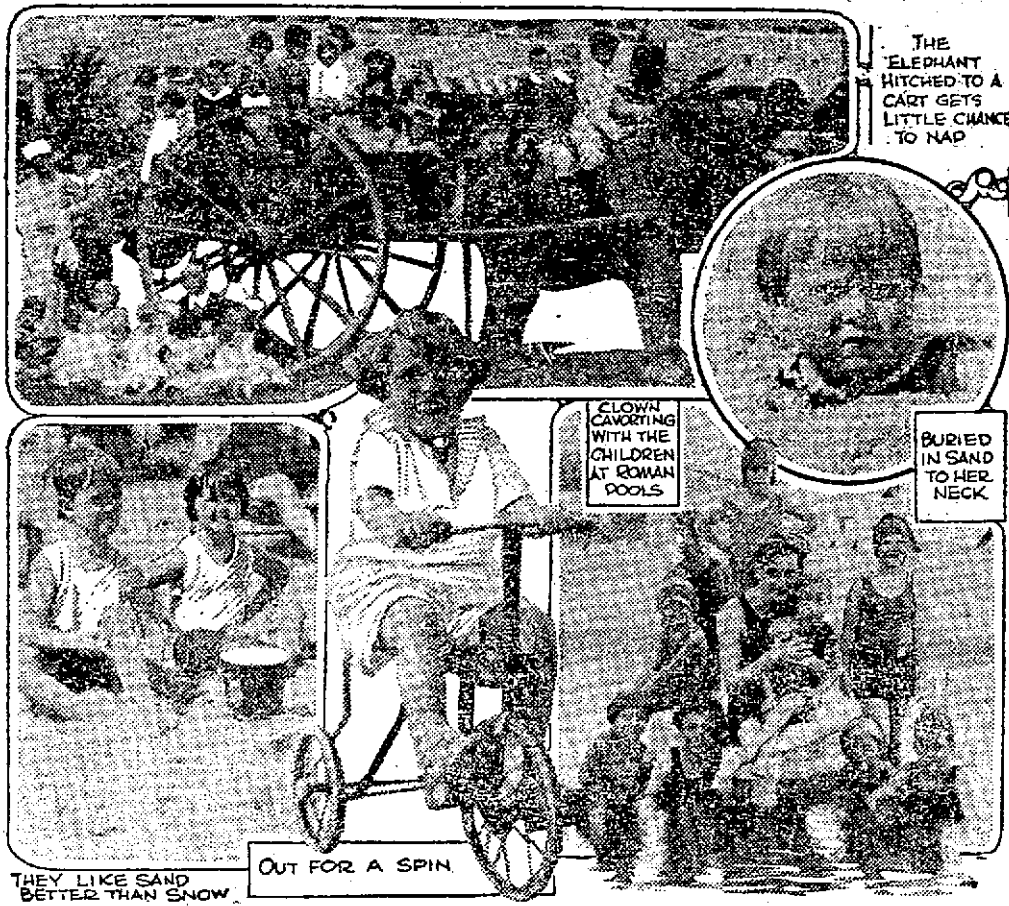
In his address to congress, the

N. M. A. also points out, President Coolidge voiced his policy on highways in these words:

"No expenditure of public money contributes so much to the national wealth as for building good roads."

Since the president's speech has been widely construed as an outline of his platform for re-election, N. M. A. officials believe that the proposal of a plank on motoring will meet ready consideration at the hands of those who will formally draft the convention resolutions.

Miami The Children's Paradise for Outdoor Sports



THEY LIKE SAND BETTER THAN SNOW.

OUT FOR A SPIN

Kindergarten on the beach and open-air schools are new features at Miami, this winter.

With the increasing appreciation of the health value of life in the open, many parents have additional reasons for spending the winter in Southern Florida, when the children of the North are shut in by the rigors of winter. Miami has become the great mecca for children, necessitating special educational facilities.

Not only does the popular winter resort provide entertainment congenial to all ages and all purposes, but special provision is made for the children. Every amusement supplied anywhere at any time is to be had at Miami except cold weather sports.

The warm sandy beach, the swimming pools graduated to all ages, the famous aquarium with specimens of all kinds of fish, Seminole Indians, strange specimens of birds and flowers, unusual

plants, together with all the playground facilities, make Miami a child's paradise. Here every indoor game is played in the open, amid most healthful surroundings. In addition to the many private schools and the educational facilities of the different hotels, the public schools of the city care for the children of tourists. The strangeness of everything tends to arouse the mental alertness of the child, and the winter in Southern Florida can be enjoyed without detriment to the child's education.

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four years ago, was asked to return to Nashville and direct the collections the final year.

CARPENTER'S HELPER DIES AT HOUSTON

HOUSTON, Texas, Jan. 4.—Paul Wolff, 17 year old carpenter's helper, died here last night from injuries received when he fell from the third floor of the First National Bank building on which he was working.

Witnesses said he turned over several times in midair and landed in a crouching position. Both legs were broken and his skull was fractured.

FREEZE CHECKS FLOOD

PARIS, Jan. 4.—A sudden cold snap, absence of rain for 24 hours and the subsidence of several affluents of the Seine, were believed today to have checked the Paris floods as a general disaster seemed imminent.

The steady rise of the river, which had reached the top of the Quai d'Orsay Paraps this morning, continued at a slower rate and was expected to last until Sunday, when if no further rains occur the waters may subside.

A flood depth of 21 feet was noted at Austerlitz bridge at noon.

The odds against a whist player holding all the trumps are 158,753,389,899 to one.

MEXICANS ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH DEATH OF J. E. BAKER

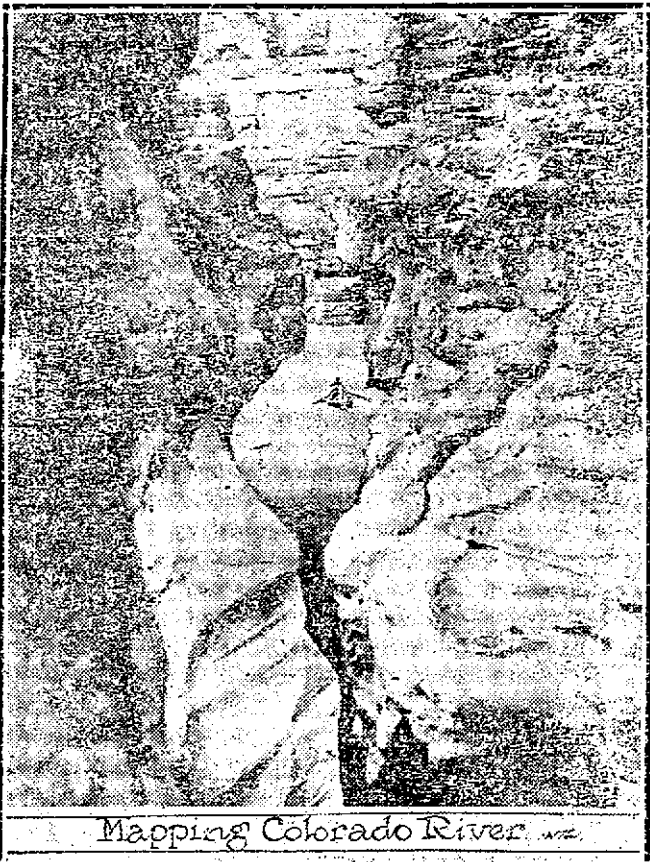
CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas, Jan. 4.—Two persons, a Mexican man and a woman are under arrest and a third Mexican is being sought in connection with the death of J. E. Baker, in an automobile accident at Edinburg last Sunday.

Charges of murder have been filed against all three Mexicans. The man and woman being held at Edinburg.

Thirty six bottles of Tequila were found in the automobile which collided with the one Baker was driving. The occupants fled after the crash and were later apprehended.

DR. SCARBROUGH ASKED TO TAKE CHARGE AGAIN

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 4.—With more than forty-eight million collected on a seventy-five million campaign to date, the conservation committee of the Baptist voted to raise the additional twenty-seven million during 1924, closing year of the campaign. The money is for missions, education, benevolence. Dr. L. R. Scarbrough, of Fort Worth, Texas, who directed the general campaign for subscriptions



Mapping Colorado River

After one of the most dangerous voyages on record, eleven members of the U. S. Geologic Survey have completed the mapping and exploration of the treacherous waters and gorges of the Colorado River. Many times they were imperiled by floods, and at one time were given up for dead, when floods raged through the Marble and Grand Canyons of Northern Arizona. Colonel C. E. Birdseye, Chief Topographic Officer of the Geologic Survey, was in charge of the party, which has been at work since 1919, mapping 1,200 miles of the Colorado and Green rivers and their tributaries. This photograph shows the explorers in Havasu Creek, in the Grand Canyon.

FIGHTS AND FIGHTERS

FORT BRAGG, N. C.—Young Stribling, Georgia heavyweight stopper Kid Numbers, Fort Bragg soldier champion, in the fourth round. Stribling had agreed to do it in 8 rounds. It was his nineteenth straight victory.

CHICAGO.—Mike Dundee, Rock Island flash, meets Stanley McBride in ten rounds here tonight.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT UNIVERSAL CITY

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed property of the stage settings in Universal City last night valued at a quarter million dollars. Sets for three serials and two feature pictures upon which work was started, were destroyed.

A New York man attempted to steal a cobra from the zoo.

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STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF

PRENDERGAST-SMITH NATIONAL BANK

MEXIA, TEXAS
As Made to the Comptroller of the Currency at Close of Business
December 31, 1923.

RESOURCES

| | |
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| Loans and Discounts | \$320,972.79 |
| Stocks and Bonds | 7,462.50 |
| Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures | 69,446.23 |
| Call Loans—New York | \$500,000.00 |
| U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness | 150,000.00 |
| Cash on hand and with banks | 258,287.20 |
| Other resources | 281.25 |
| | \$1,306,449.97 |

LIABILITIES

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|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Capital Stock | \$ 100,000.00 |
| Surplus and Undivided Profits | 14,726.11 |
| DEPOSITS | 1,191,723.86 |
| | \$1,306,449.97 |

10% dividend paid during 1923.

The above statement is correct. N. HOLLINGSWORTH, Cashier.

THIRD MAJOR LEAGUE TALK REVIVED

By HENRY L. FARRELL
(United Press Sports Editor)
NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Prediction that a third major league is sure to be organized at a time not very far in the future has come again from sources of qualified authority.

Nothing beyond an opinion, which is a very good one, however, has been found to substantiate a belief that the field is becoming too large for the National and American Leagues to supply.

Since it is an established fact that organized baseball is too well fortified, financially and geographically, to make it possible for an outlaw league to intrude, it is logical that organized baseball will form a third league when the investment assumes the size of a sound business proposition.

If Boston and St. Louis are able to support two major league ball clubs, it would seem reasonable to figure that Cleveland and Detroit would be good fields for continuous baseball, and Cincinnati, with such a good territory to draw, might be interested in another club to divide affection with the Reds.

Baltimore has been pretending major proportions for several years, and Kansas City is looked upon as a fertile spot for some of the big major league money that is figuring on the future.

Another "Federal League" would not go, because the sad experience of that last venture would restrain the investment of any capital in another attempt to test the strength of organized baseball.

The tremendous expense of organizing an independent league, represented in building ball parks, is nothing compared to the problem that would arise in getting the players for six or eight new clubs.

The major leagues, however, would encounter no such insurmountable obstacles as only a few new parks would be necessary and the National and American Leagues might be able to spare enough players to form the nucleus for the new clubs.

Here Is a Penitent Prisoner — Sure

DALLAS, Texas, Jan. 4.—Though placed behind prison bars for the next two years of his life thru the work of Detectives Walker and Combs, Lloyd Smith, burglar, holds no ill feeling toward them.

In a recent letter to the two detectives, Smith said:
"I hold no malice towards you two gentlemen or anyone else. I did wrong, I know that. I am willing to pay my debt to society and start over again. I want to thank you for catching me; if you hadn't I'd probably be in a worse fix than I'm now in. Instead of the next two years I'll have plenty of time to plan for the future."
Walker and Combs sent Smith a carton of cigarettes for a Christmas present.

Pay your poll tax.

"White Wings" Do Not Attend Movies

FORT WORTH, Texas, Jan. 4.—What were the ambitions of the street sweeper before he took up the job of keeping the city clean?

An interview with two of them who were leaning on their brooms during a drizzling rain brought to light their hopes.

One was an old fellow with his coat collar pulled well about his face. The other was a younger man in his late thirties.

"Well," the old man said, "I wanted to be a preacher." The other, who had worked in the coal mines previous to his job in the "white wing" department had to think before he recalled that he wanted to be a machinist.

Both confessed to never attending a picture show. Neither read except for an occasional glance at a newspaper.

"The 'white wings' make \$3.50 a day. They begin work at 8 a. m. and quit at 4:30 in the afternoon. They traverse sixteen blocks of streets twice a day, keeping them clean.

THIRD MAJOR LEAGUE SPEEDING UP TRAFFIC DOWN IN HOUSTON

HOUSTON, Texas, Jan. 4.—Houston's traffic signals twinkled faster today and traffic took on added speed.

Under plans of C. J. Kirk, public utilities commissioner, traffic moving east and west now runs 30 seconds and north and south traffic is allowed to flow 45 seconds. Heretofore the speed had been 45 and 60 seconds.

COPPER LINED STOMACH

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 4.—To an Austin negro goes the drinking honors of the season.

The Travis county sheriff's department is authority for the feat of a negro who drank a bottle of denatured alcohol in which a giant centipede was being preserved—and lived.

At the home of Judge and Mrs. O. F. Watkins for the past several days a large and happy party of relatives has been entertained. The visitors are: Thomas R. Mears, for the past 16 years Mayor of Gatesville; Miss Mildred Watkins, sister to Judge Watkins; of Gatesville; Mr. and Mrs. Clay McClelland of Waco, Mrs. McClelland being a sister to Judge Watkins; and her husband a member of the law firm of Williams, Williams and McClelland, and Miss Arna Mears, another sister, of Gatesville.

STOP that cough before it begins take SCOTT'S EMULSION

Commercial Club Secretaries Meet In Mineral Wells

(By International News Service)
MINERAL WELLS, Texas, Jan. 4.—Texas Commercial Executives Association will convene here April 3, 4 and 5, it was announced by officials of the organization who add that the most elaborate program in the association's history has been already partially arranged.

In addition to the yearly "school," which has always been a feature of the meetings, Lucius E. Wilson of Chicago, known as "the father of modern Chamber of Commerce organization" and Adolph Boldt of St. Louis, district secretary of the U. S. Chamber will address the executives.

ALL BUILDINGS HERE NOT ON PERMIT AS SHOWN IN RECORD

The Mexia Daily News, Friday before Christmas published a report of the building permits issued in Mexia in 1923. The records showed around \$82,000; which has provoked quite a good deal of comment. Many citizens have asserted that the building volume in Mexia in 1923 was nearer \$200,000 than \$100,000. This belief is concurred in by the News, as a list was made, at the time the permits were printed, indicating that many substantial homes were not included in the list. The list was published as it was to show that all were not complying with the matter of applying for permits to the city.

THE TOP IS Important. WILL IT WITHSTAND WINTER WINDS AND RAIN?

Now is the time to repair that worn top. The winter months are ahead of us. A winter top adjusted of our special design will make your open car surpassed only by the more expensive closed models. The comfort and protection you will receive from this top will more than prove that you have made a wise investment. See us at once for prices, etc.

R. G. McDONALD at Mammoth Garage 214 E. Palestine Street

Mystery Plant Now Operating

(By International News Service)
FORT WORTH, Texas, Jan. 4.—The United States Helium, non-explosive gas, plant here—one of Uncle Sam's most jealously guarded secrets,—for the first time since its establishment during the war is now operating at full capacity.

With the supply of natural gas greatly diminished during the past months it has been only possible to operate three units. However the recent completion of two new wells in the Petrolia field, is now furnishing the plant with sufficient gas to enable its five units to swing into action.

J. R. Dulaney of Coolidge, commissioner for precinct No. 2, was in Mexia Thursday returning from Groesbeck where the commissioners court recently held a call meeting.

Grainte is the only common rock which shows no traces of animal or vegetable life.

Roman architects placed earthen jars in the theatre walls to increase the resonance.

TEXAS BANKER DIES

TEXARKANA, Ark., Jan. 3.—Word was received here today of the death in a St. Louis sanitarium of W. R. Grim, 63, president of the Texarkana National Bank and prominent in financial circles of the Southwest.

The pigmy camel belongs to a species found only in Western Persia. It is only five feet high and snow white.

I have opened a new shoe shop in City Hotel and have installed new equipment. Am equipped to do your shoe repairing at prices that are right. Good work. R. A. Day. 4-4

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There's no distress like widowhood! Particularly is this true where no money or estate is left for her surviving days.

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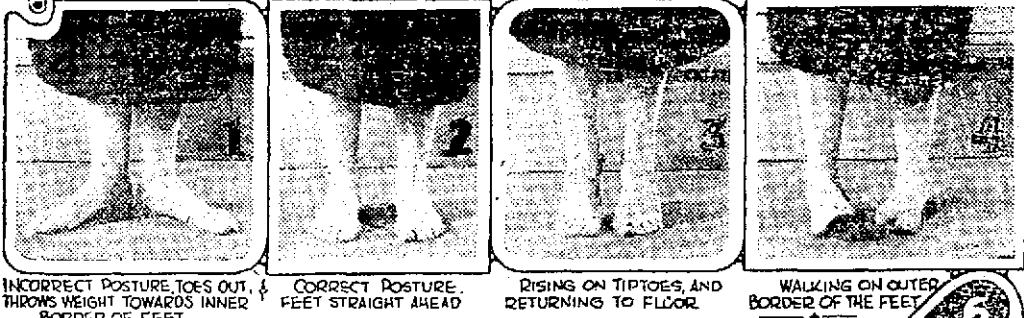
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TEN SIMPLE EXERCISES TO HELP STRENGTHEN YOUR FEET



Suggested by Dr. William M. Scholl, Noted Authority on Foot Hygiene.

One of the great problems of the Army medical officers during the war was the widespread foot trouble prevailing among the recruits. Among the first million men taken from civil life and physically examined at the mobilization camps, it was found that 177,455 of each 1,000 of America's young manhood suffered from pes planus (flatfoot or broken arch). (War Dept. chart, Office of Surgeon General, Bulletin No. 2). Rejections due to flat feet were second to any other two disabilities.

Foot ailments are the cause of much suffering and inefficiency. It has been estimated that almost ninety per cent of the adult population suffers from minor or serious types of foot ailments, and it is rare indeed to find a perfect foot. What can be done to diminish foot troubles? Dr. Wm. M. Scholl, noted authority on foot hygiene and who has done much educational work in preventive foot hygiene believes the answer lies in "Education." He is the author of many books on the human foot and its care and has long specialized in foot orthopedics.

By WM. M. SCHOLL, M. D.

Every normal woman desires to have her feet well and attractively shod. Indeed if they are not trimly shod, she cannot consider herself well dressed, for the appearance of her hat, gloves and shoes is fully as important as her gown. And that of the shoes is by no means least.

This result cannot be attained unless the feet are kept in healthy condition. If the feet are well shaped but have some weakness, they will ultimately give way under the strain of use and lose their natural shape, often becoming distorted. This, of course, results in the distortion of the shoe. Few persons realize to what extent shoes are misshapen by defective feet. Undeserved blame often falls upon the man from whom my lady has bought her shoes when the true reason for their poor appearance is due to her own neglect of her feet. It will pay to take good care of your feet merely for appearances sake. Most important of all, no one can be thoroughly comfortable and happy and 100% efficient, with aching feet.

Standards of foot beauty differ. The feet of a tall, slender, light-boned woman would not be in harmony on one who is heavy-boned, short and stout. But there can be no difference of opinion as to the desirability of having healthy feet.

Personally I believe that the feet with which nature has endowed us are the best possible feet that each of us could have under the circumstances, and that proper exercise and care will go a long way to making them comely.

If you wish to preserve the

graceful lines of your feet, therefore, it will pay you to spend a few minutes each morning or before retiring at night in practicing such simple exercises as the original corrective foot exercises illustrated above. Each of them has a definite purpose in correcting certain undesirable conditions, or in helping the foot to resist them. The beginner should read the instructions carefully, to take full advantage of them. Be careful not to overdo, ten times for each one is sufficient at first, and be sure to practice them regularly.

A "Daily Ten" for the Feet.

Figure 1—Toes out, shows improper posture in which to practice the exercises. This posture is conducive to arch strain. It permits the weight of the body to be thrown toward the inner border of the foot, causing strain on the calf muscles and internal lateral ligament.

Figure 2—Toes straight ahead, shows the correct posture, with the feet parallel. In this position the body's weight is more evenly distributed over the feet.

Figure 3—Raising on tiptoes and returning slowly to floor. Be sure that you stand with your feet parallel. Do this exercise ten times at first. This exercise not only the strong leg muscles but relieves any rigidity in the longitudinal arch and ball of the foot.

Figure 4—Walking on the outer border of the feet. Of course, with feet parallel. The purpose of this exercise is to relieve the strain, if any, on the over-stretched muscles of the inner arch, and to put the contracted muscles of the outer longitudinal arch into motion.

Figure 5—With knees crossed, give foot a circular motion at ankle joint, following the direction of the

arrow. In this exercise, place the leg over the knee, extend the toes downward, following the arrow towards the inside. This relieves stiffness of ankle-arch articulation.

Figure 6—Bend the toes downward against the sole, as though you were endeavoring to pick up some small object, as a pencil or handkerchief, with them. This exercise helps to correct weakness of the anterior metatarsal arch which is the transverse or cross

lieves in putting things over and with the proper support of the membership. Mexico may boast of one of the liveliest Shrine Clubs in the South.

The following additional officers were elected to serve with the noble president:

E. L. Crow, 1st vice president.

Rodney Tidwell, 2nd vice president.

W. R. Hodges, 3rd vice president.

Roy Leamon, Secretary.

H. D. Forrest, Treasurer.

It was unanimously declared by

those present at the meeting in the Masonic Hall last night that by in-jecing new blood into the official family of the club, it would add new life to the organization. The retiring officers were thanked for their honest efforts in 1923, who in turn pledged the renewed support to the new administration and with the addition of several new members at the meeting, the club bids fair to a new year of prosperity and happiness.

Noble Stollenwerck declared it to

be his intentions of studying closely the by-laws of the club and with the assistance of the membership, to carry out the intentions of the organization and further the interests of Shrinism in this vicinity.

The club includes in its jurisdiction, Limestone and Freestone counties and has over 300 shriners on its mailing list and it is the intention to have on its list the names of every Shriner residing within this territory and any shriners who do not receive the litera-

ture of the club will confer a special favor on the secretary or the president by sending in their name and address.

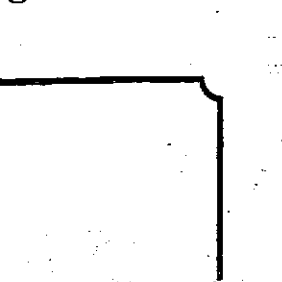
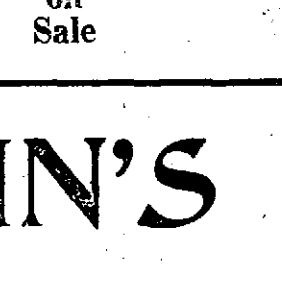
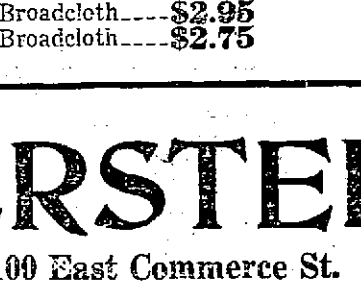
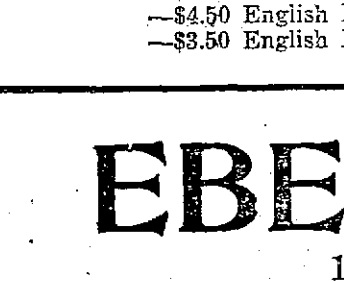
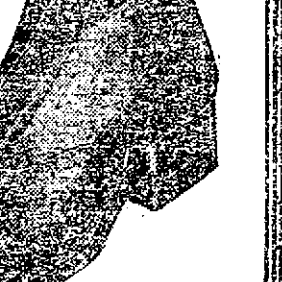
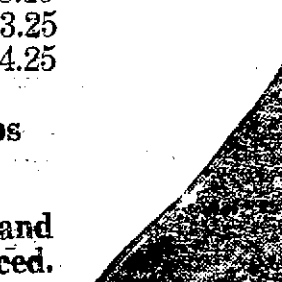
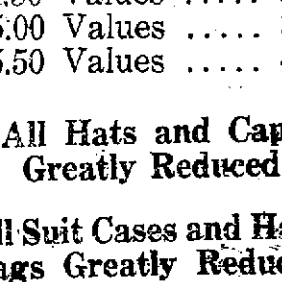
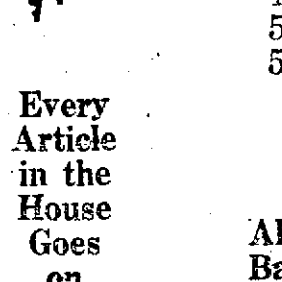
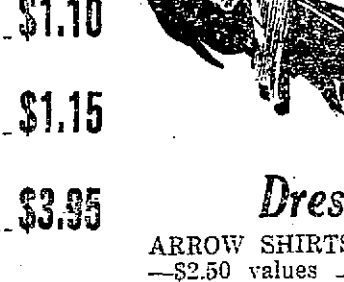
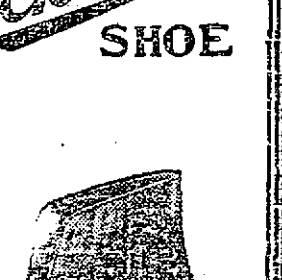
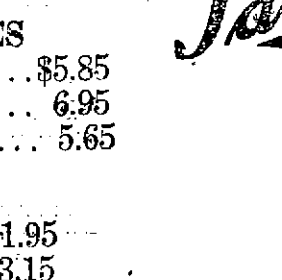
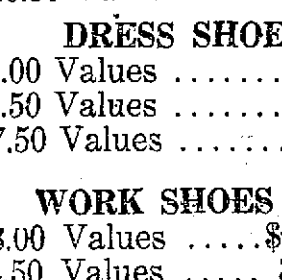
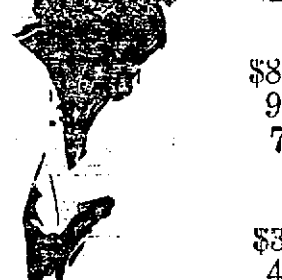
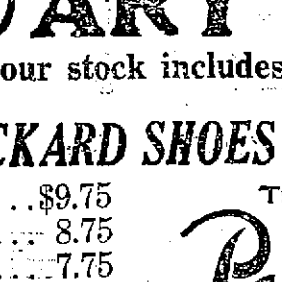
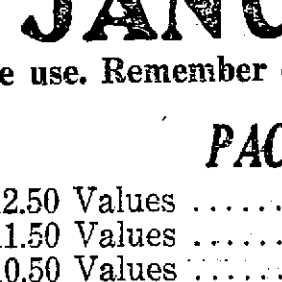
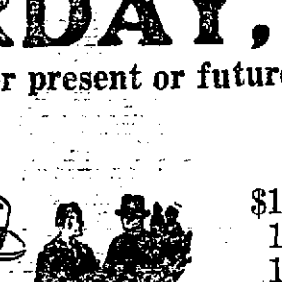
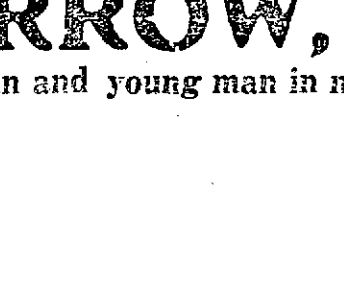
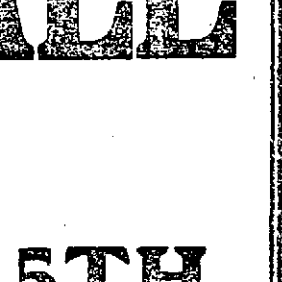
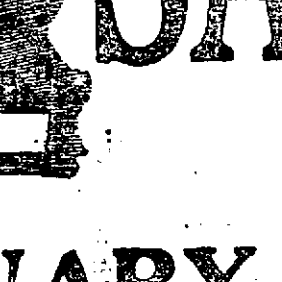
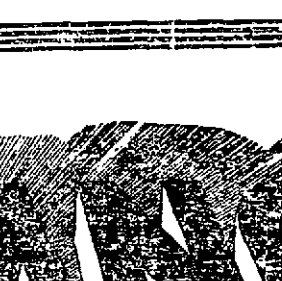
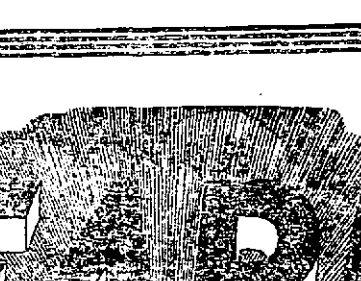
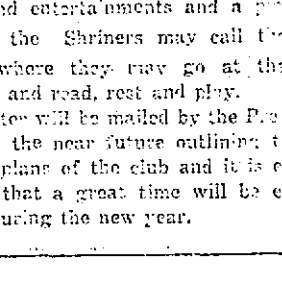
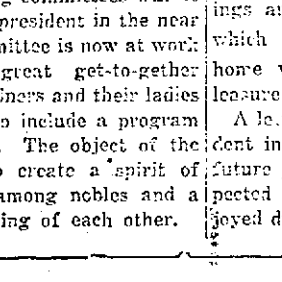
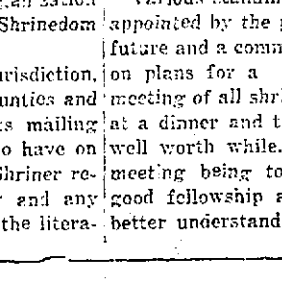
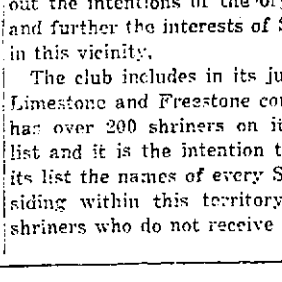
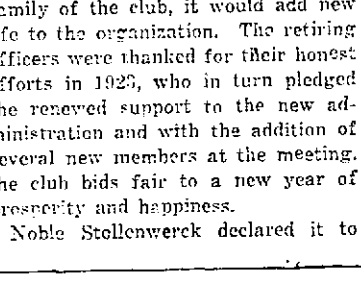
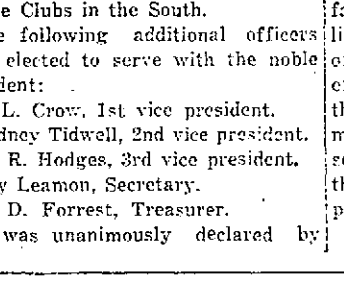
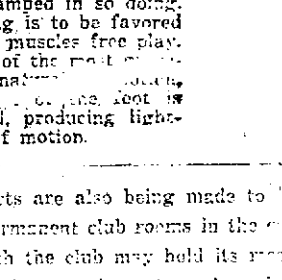
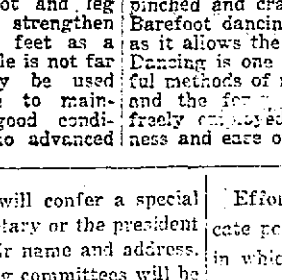
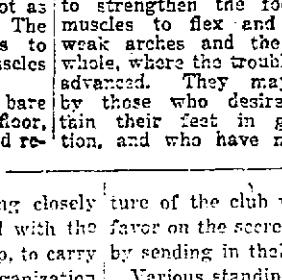
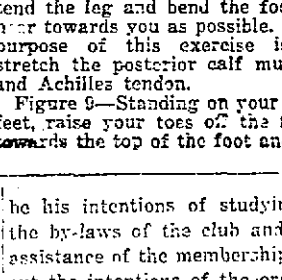
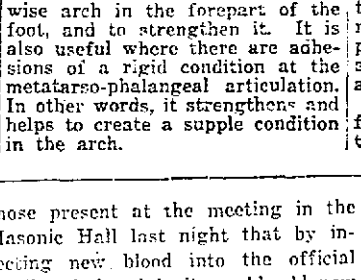
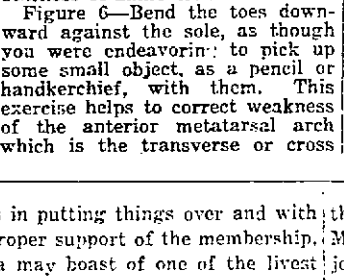
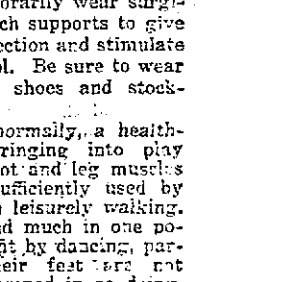
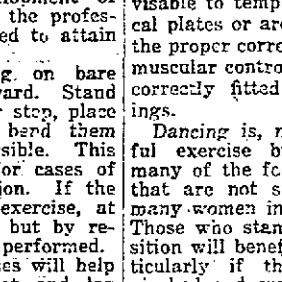
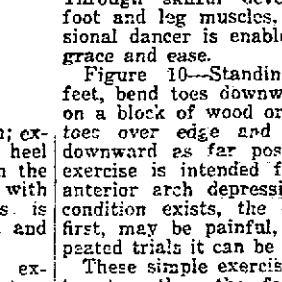
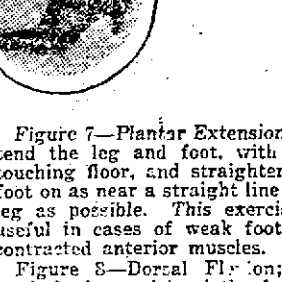
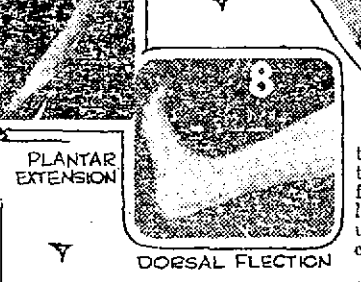
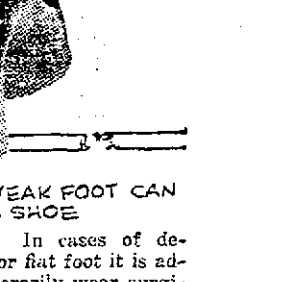
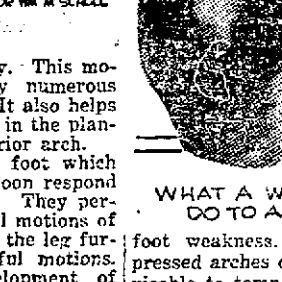
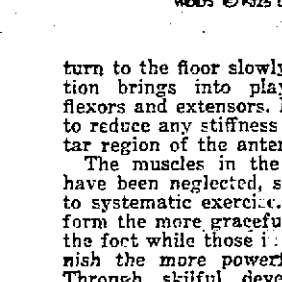
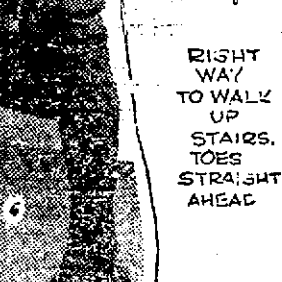
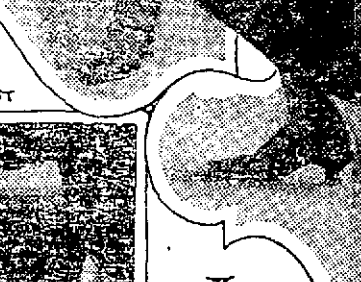
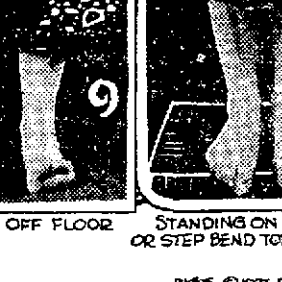
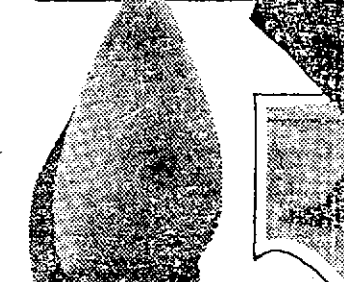
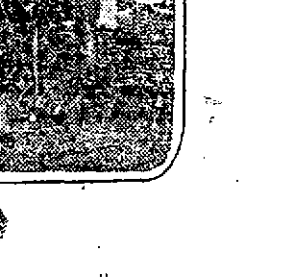
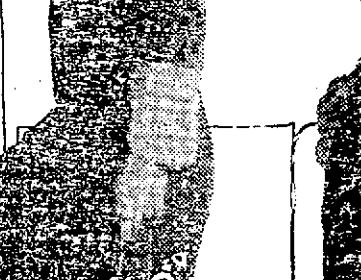
Various standing committees will be appointed by the president in the near future and a committee is now at work on plans for a great get-together

meeting of all shriners and their ladies at a dinner and to include a program well worth while. The object of the meeting being to create a spirit of good fellowship among nobles and a better understanding of each other.

Efforts are also being made to create permanent club rooms in the city in which the club may hold its meetings and entertainments and a place where the Shriners may call their home where they may go at their leisure and read, rest and play.

A letter will be mailed by the President in the near future outlining the future plans of the club and it is expected that a great time will be enjoyed during the new year.

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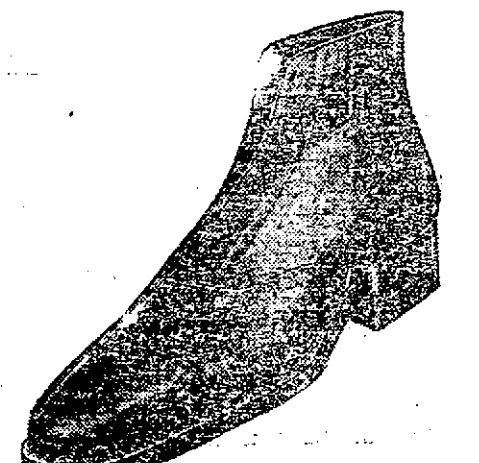
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Senator Underwood Plain Democrat Is Leaders' Comment

(By International News Service)

DALLAS, Texas, Jan. 4.—There will be no fancy trimmings, shaded lights and subsequent disillusioning effects to the platform of Senator Oscar Underwood of Alabama for the Democratic presidential nomination.

"A plain old-fashioned Democracy—as reliable as the family what-not—clear cut and definite," is the decision and announcement Texas directors of the Senator's campaign announced today.

In fact to demonstrate just how old-fashioned the platform will be, it is announced Senator Underwood has reaffirmed all of the cardinal doctrines of the Democratic party and particularly the platform plank drafted by the Democratic party in National Convention in 1886, protesting "against the tenets of the then flourishing 'know nothing' party."

A statement enunciating the principles upon which the Underwood candidacy is based, has been signed by the following: Dr. A. Frank, chairman Underwood forces in Texas; W. E. Lea, former Mayor of Orange who is managing the campaign; Joe H. Eagle; John J. Kirby; J. S. Cullinan, Houston; D. Frank; O. B. Colquitt; Joseph Weldon Bailey; Pat O'Keefe; C. F. Greenwood; C. M. Smithal, Dallas; Homer M. Wade, Rockdale; O. M. Stone, Jasper and Louis J. Wortham, Fort Worth.

Third Shrine Found in Tomb Very Beautiful

LUXOR, Egypt, Jan. 3.—New unexpected wonders were revealed when Howard Carter opened the second shrine tomb of Tutankhamen, finding a beautifully decorated third shrine. It is unknown how many shrines, one inside the other, may eventually be discovered.

HOUSING PROBLEM MENACES HEALTH

Buenos Aires, Arg. (By mail to United Press).—The housing problem in Buenos Aires is occupying the attention of the authorities. The condition has become such a menace in the Argentine, not merely to public order but to public health, that it is felt that something must be done quickly to remedy it if disastrous consequences are to be avoided.

In the slums of this city and in many of the better districts, epidemics, vice and demoralization are being fomented by the substandard system of housing. It is not unusual to find houses with ten to twelve rooms sheltering over eighty people, who live under the worst of conditions.

All the crystalline rocks from which mica is obtained were once at least 5000 feet below the surface of the earth.

About 90 per cent of the school slates manufactured in large numbers in this country every year are used in foreign countries.

More than half the oil produced in Europe to date has come from an area of less than fifty square miles.

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FOR INDIGESTION

Texas Educators Have A Serious Mexican Problem

By ELIZABETH PEAK

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 4.—"Texas educators have a serious problem before them in dealing with the large number of Mexican children that come into the State annually," asserted Professor John L. Tennent, who has recently been appointed research specialist in rural education in the Bureau of Extension of the University of Texas.

"It would not be so hard to teach these foreign children, although they must be taught a new language, if they would just stay in one place long enough, but they often move several times in a school year," continued Professor Tennent. "I have only been in Texas a short while and have not had much time to study the situation, but that is one of the chief problems that confronts my line of work, as I see it now."

Professor Tennent is a native of Canada, having been born in Paris, Ontario. He received his B. S. degree from the University of Toronto and his M. S. degree from Cornell.

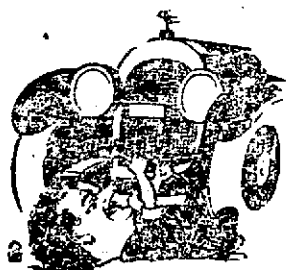
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AUSTIN, Jan. 3.—R. G. Storey of Dallas has been appointed to the board of regents of the University of Texas to succeed Marshall Hicks who resigned Tuesday. Storey is an attorney.



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When your cold or cough is relieved, take the remainder of the bottle home to your wife and children, for Aspirinal is by far the safest and most effective, the easiest to take and the most agreeable cold and cough remedy for children as well as adults. Quick relief for catarrhal croup and children's choking up at night. (adv.)

Baby Bandit In Jail At Belton

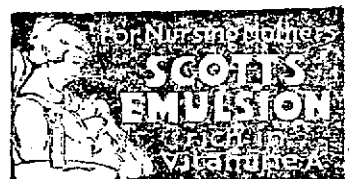
(By International News Service) BELTON, Texas, Jan. 4.—Belton's first "baby bandit" otherwise known as the "fly-weight highjacker" is still reposing behind jail doors today.

He is but a mere child of eight years, weighing slightly more than sixty pounds, yet he and his companion, a 14-year-old boy, felt their maturity burdening them with the call that they held up the C. W. Barnett & Sons offices at Temple.

They were trapped and both lodged in jail here.

B. A. McManus of Navasota was a Wednesday visitor to the city.

W. C. Autrey of Waco was in the city Wednesday on business.



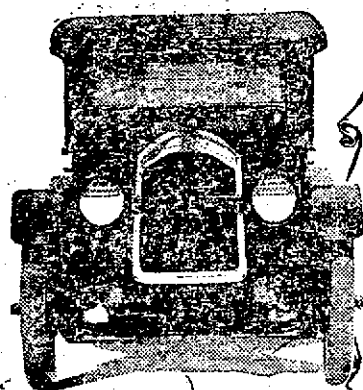
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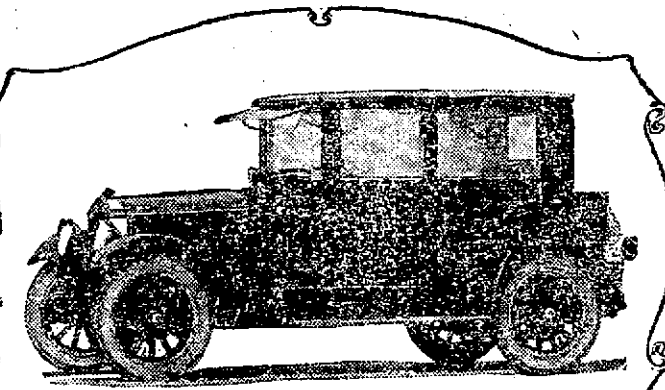
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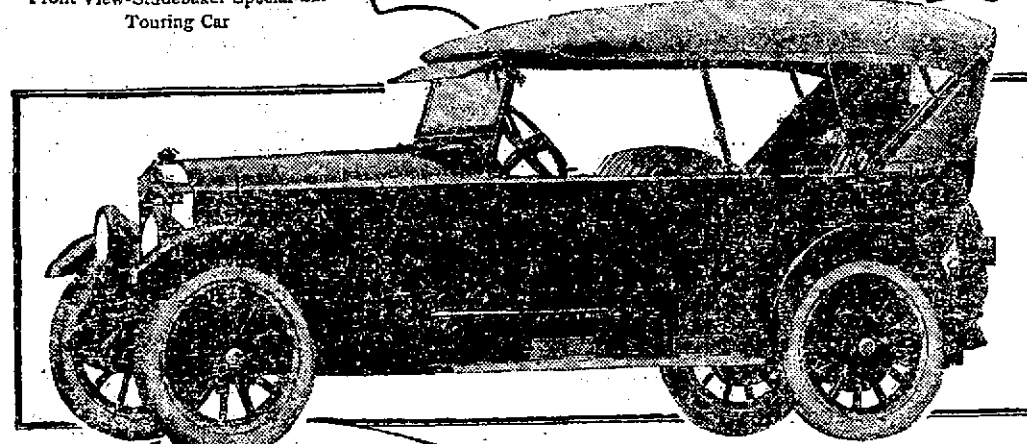
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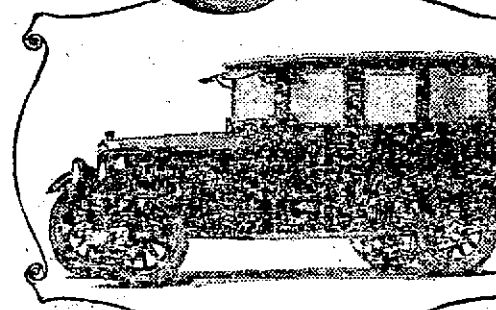
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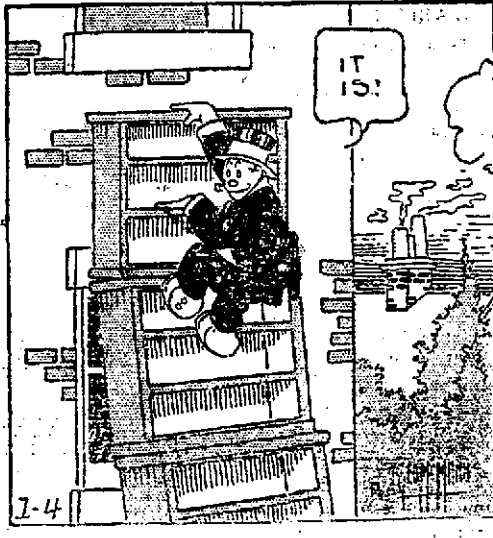
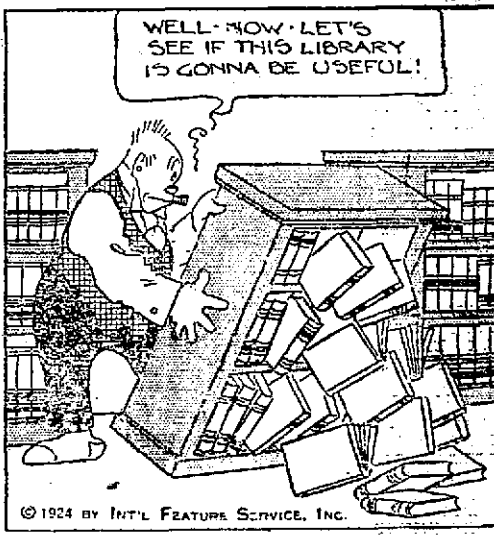
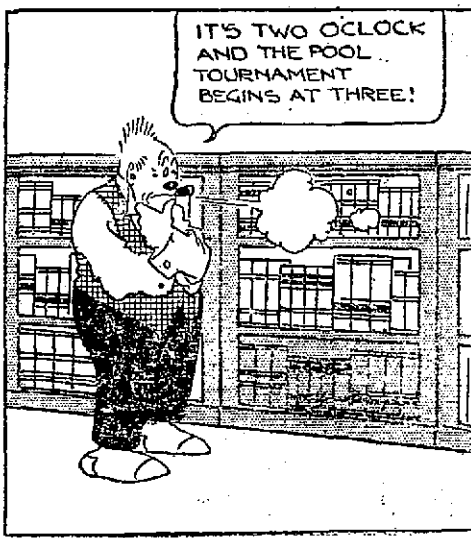
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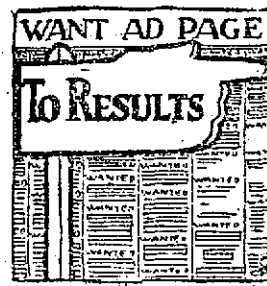
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By George McManus



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WANTED—Nursing by experienced nurse. Obstetrical cases a specialty. Terms reasonable. Phone 557-J. 2A20

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WANTED: Obstetrical cases by experienced nurse. Terms reasonable. Phone 557-J. 30A30

WANTED—Office girl experience unnecessary. Phone 587 between 9 a. m. and 12 a. m. 4A1

POSITIONS WANTED—B

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FOR SALE—J

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BREEDING-SHUMATE

Miss Estelle Shumate of this city was married Saturday afternoon to Mr. D. Breeding at Marlin. Mr. Breeding went from here to Marlin upon the discovery of the Falls County field and will be remembered by quite a following of friends. The bride, too, had won here a host of admirers who attend her in her new relations with all the high hopes for happiness that should attend the marriage of splendid young people.

DILLARD-ROLLER

Considerable surprise was expressed by a host of friends of the bride when it was learned here early this week that Miss Ruth Roller, daughter of H. C. Roller of this city, had been married to R. L. Dillard of Corsicana. The wedding took place at Marlin last week. The bride is well known here, a member of a prominent family and a lovely young lady of charming personality. The groom is agent for the Cadillac automobile in Corsicana, where he is held in high esteem as a splendid young business man. Many happy wishes attend the young people.

Notice Kindergarten Parents. Kindergarten school opens Monday, January 7th. Parents desiring to place their children in school, please call 119 or 208. We will be glad to call for your children in the morning and deliver them to their homes at noon. 4-2

T. E. L. Class of Baptist church met in the Ladies Room on Monday, Dec. 31 from 3 to 5 with their monthly party. Very few were present on account of the bad weather. The new class President, Mrs. Pyntie, presided over the business.—Reporter.

FIGHTS AND FIGHTERS

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Jack Taylor Omaha heavyweight won a 12-round decision from Battling McCrory, of Boston.

CHICAGO.—Mike Dundee of Rock Island and Stanley McBride of Chicago will box ten rounds here tonight.

PEORIA, Ill.—Jack Malone, formerly of St. Paul, has been matched to meet Alex Tambitas here Jan. 11.

WICHITA FALLS, Tex.—Wanda Gideon, 12, was burned to death and four other members of the family were severely burned when the home of Ross Gideon was destroyed by fire near here yesterday. The fire was believed to have been started by a defective flue. The child's body was found in the ruins of the house.

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To help neutralize these irritating acids and flush off the body's urinous waste, begin drinking water. Also get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy, take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys may then act fine and bladder disorders disappear.

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W. K. Albert of Corsicana was in Mexia Wednesday.

J. M. Paul of Ennis was here last Wednesday.

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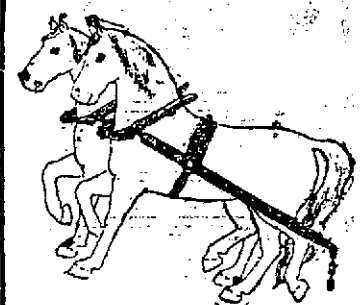
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MAGNUS JOHNSON LOSES MILKING CONTEST.



Magnus Johnson loses.

Magnus Johnson, "dirt farmer" from Minnesota, cast aspirations upon the farming ability of Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and it cost him dearly. Mr. Johnson challenged Secretary Wallace to a milking contest, and two of the heaviest milk producers at the Soldiers' Home in Washington were provided by General Tasker Bliss, retired, commander of the home, who is shown standing, refereeing the contest. Mr. Wallace won by a half pint in five minutes, old-fashioned dry hand. Unsatisfied, Senator Johnson has challenged Mr. Wallace to a one-saw contest. Mr. Wallace is at the extreme left and Mr. Johnson at the right.

Wise Cracks From Southwest Press

(By International News Service)

As we understand it, says the Tulsa World, curb trading in stocks can get too rough for Wall street.

It has just about gotten so in this country, says the Dallas News, that when a man can't become what he wants he becomes a pessimist.

When Mah Jong gets down on a price basis with a deck of bicycle cards it may become something more than a fad.

Let the man have his knowledge, says the Maryville Democrat, woman has her intuition.

We have been wondering why a certain man suddenly became so polite says the Maryville Democrat. We just found out he was given a book of etiquette for Christmas.

Chicago paid out about \$1,000,000 for its New Year's eve refreshments. A few parties like that and the soldiers would have a bonus, according to the Kansas City Kansan.

Nearly everybody is in favor of a joint resolution from congress says the Kansas City Kansan, pledging more action and less argument for the new year.

Yes Roscoe, amidst the Kansas City Star, experience is what you get from buying oil stock.

It seems hardly necessary to add that the big forests which are desolated by fire are not the ones your fireplace wood comes from, says the Kansas City Star.

Farmers Threaten To Eat Turkeys On Low Markets

(By International News Service)

SMITHVILLE, Texas, Jan. 4.—As the farmers of Iowa once threatened to burn their corn for fuel—as the farmers of Kansas once threatened to mill their own wheat—so do the farmers of this district now threaten to eat their own turkeys, rather than place them on the market below ten cents per pound.

It is rumored, at the customary after-holiday slump, that several farmers have already killed large numbers of the fowls, curing the meat and storing it away.

IT'S A BOY

Born to Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Bangardner a splendid baby boy. The arrival was at the Brown Hospital. Mother and babe are doing nicely. Congratulations.

Revolution In Cotton Raising Expected Soon

(By International News Service)

PALESTINE, Texas, Jan. 4.—On the heels of the Dallas man's announcement who expected to revolutionize the cotton industry by his combination milk-weed cotton plant, there arises one, C. T. Valentine, Anderson county farmer who goes one better with the announcement that he has already perfected "the perfect" cotton plant.

Valentine, scientific farmer and horticulturist, offers to produce a plant which he has experimented upon for years that is "as near weevil-proof as cotton can ever be made."

The stock, he says, is large and vigorous and fruits well, with a stable one and one-eighth inches, yet it is almost nude of foliage. The leaves he describes as being small and narrow thus permitting the sunshine to penetrate every portion of the plant, keeping the boll weevil from working to his own satisfaction.

"This plant is the result of years patient breeding and I thoroughly believe I have achieved a wonderful success in my purpose," he said.

It is estimated that there are 16 tons of microscopic shellfish in every cubic mile of the ocean.

The moose deer has the largest horns of any animal. They often weigh from fifty to sixty pounds.

REDUCTION of TAXATION IS NOT A MATTER of PARTISAN POLITICS

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SOMEWHERE along the line in the current discussion of tax reduction there has been intercepted the solemn asseveration that Secretary Mellon's proposal is a Republican policy and as such ought to be opposed by the Democratic Party. It was apparently not a very brilliant idea, but it was made to bring this consideration before the people, and that not a few Senators and Representatives who had been paralyzed by the straightforwardness and persuasiveness of the letter to Mr. Green would regain their tongues at the mention of party policy, and this despite the fact that all the things in the world that are ill-defined, obscure and debatable, the respective policies of the two great political parties in this country are the most poorly defined, the most obscure and the most debatable.

If tax reduction could be denominated as a Republican policy, then it would follow that tax reduction was not a Democratic policy. Tax reduction not being a Democratic policy we should naturally expect that any favorable mention of it would be rigorously excluded from Democratic platforms and that Democrats standing for election would boldly proclaim their opposition to it in asking for the suffrage of their constituents. An examination of party platforms during recent years, and our best recollection as to the addresses of Democratic candidates for office



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discloses no such opposition to tax reduction. If opposition to tax reduction is a Democratic policy, Democrats have been supremely successful in keeping that fact to themselves. The truth is, of course, that tax reduction has nothing whatever to do with partisan politics. Scientific tax reduction, such as that which is now proposed, is based upon the fact that prospective revenues exceed proposed expenditures. The essential factor is that not more should be taken from the people in taxes than is required for the efficient conduct of the Government. If the tax reduction program goes through during the present session of Congress, it will not be because the Republicans put it through. At the present moment its opponents number as many Republicans as they do Democrats. President Coolidge may urge the Mellon plan upon Congress, but his appeal must be to Congress as a whole and not to his Republican adherents. Those who support it will go into the next campaign on their personal record as conservers of the public welfare, as the supporters of a measure that has no more to do with the respective policies of the Republican and Democratic parties than has voting the salaries of ambassadors. Tax reduction is not a party matter and he who tries to make anyone believe it is, shows himself neither a good partisan nor a worthy public representative.

Salary Papers Being Prepared By Gotham Clubs

By HENRY L. FARRELL, (United Press Staff Correspondent)

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—With good intention and some trepidation, the owners of the two champion ball clubs here are getting new salary papers ready for their athletes.

Champion ball clubs in recent years have developed the habit of expecting large raises in salaries after winning pennants for their owners.

"One or two of the Giants may get an increase in salary, but some of them may feel fortunate in getting to look at a contract," Charles A. Stoneham, owner of the National League champions said.

"Frisch, Young and Jackson are on the list for more money, but most of the players will have to be content with what they were drawing on their expired contracts. All of the Giants but Kelly have to be signed."

The Giants, in talking terms with the players, are in a better position to argue against general raises than the Yankees. The American League champions may figure that they are working for a wealthy boss who ought to be generous now that they have given him his first world championship.

The Giant contracts will be mailed out in another week, but the Yankee officials have not made known when they will get into their job.

Colonel Ruppert faces the job of signing every player on the team with the exception of Babe Ruth and they all want more money. "Ruppert is anything but a tight magnate, but while generous, he is not extravagant."

Players are to be given gold watches as souvenirs of the victory in the world's series and Colonel Ruppert is to give each of them a gold fob to go with the watch.

Sam L. Leathers of Guy's Store, was in the city last Wednesday.

THE POWER OF THE PRINTED

N. W. Ayer & Son has issued the following on "The Power of the Printed Page."

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found me in a hurry on to work.

Reaching the alley, Albert Berry was having a talk with Jim Anderson, David Murphy, Horace Stevens, Geo. Peyton, Fred Reeves, E. L. Smith, Blake Smith, Garland Adair, Sam McCord, Dr. R. B. Jackson, Rev. W. B. Andrews, Lennie Metcalf, Ed Measels, Noel Hollingsworth. They were discussing how a church could be heated so that it would not mack the congregation sleepy. Brother Andrews didn't have a word to say while this was being discussed. Finally Mr. Berry ventured to quote the old proverb: "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing." Upon this remark being made and seeing that they were getting personal, I drifted on but not too rapidly to hear Dr. Jackson's comment: "Well Fred Karner sho' is totin' a big stick of dynamite on his shoulders."

On reaching the office, I was informed that Jean Ormsby had been looking for me to make very important announcement. I hurried back to the Pioneer News stand, just as Hardy Eubanks was making a deal for the Police Gazette. He turned to Pat Patterson and asked "Did you ever read 'To a Field Mouse'?" Pat replied "No, how do you ever get 'em to listen to you?"

I was advised that Mr. Ormsby had not been down yet, so I rushed out to his home. On the way out I met Dr.

Hamm and when I neared the place, I saw Mr. Ormsby jump out of the window apparently very much excited. I asked him what was the trouble and he said "O its leap year and her name is Mary."

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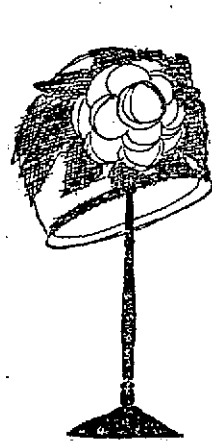
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